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—OF—

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,

—AT—

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

HELD AT

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Micksburg, on the 5th June, 1906;
at North Bay, on the 20th
June, 1906.*

ALSO AT THE

Fifty-first Annual Communication

HELD AT THE CITY OF TORONTO,

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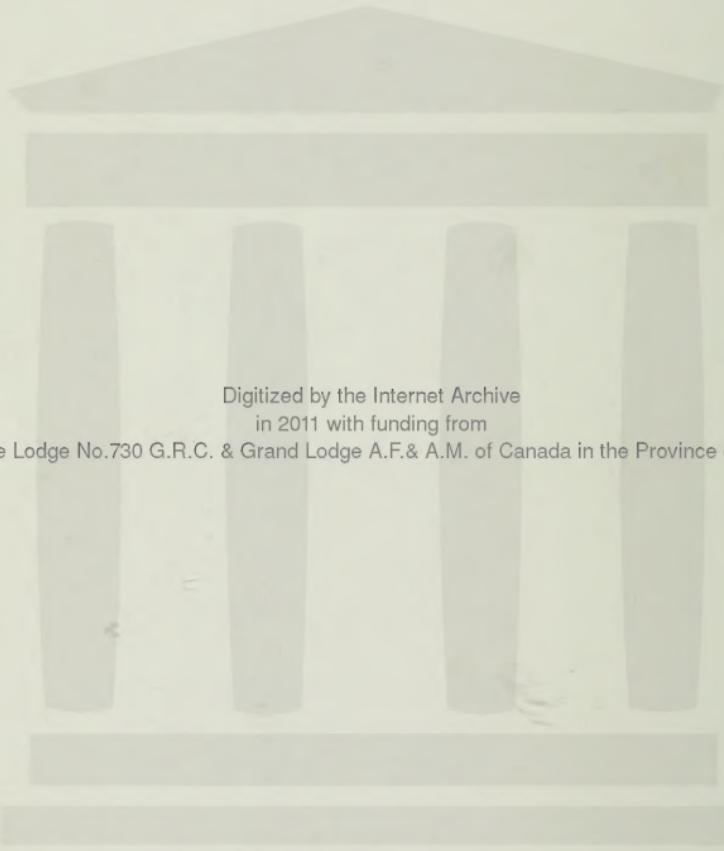
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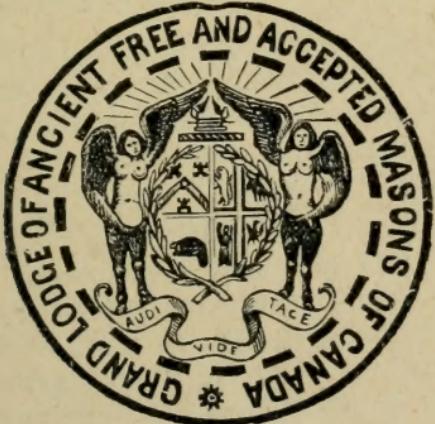
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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Town of Rainy River, on Monday, the thirty-first day of July, A. D. 1905, A. L. 5905.

PRESENT :

R. W. Bro. William Roaf. as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Donald Robertson as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Hon. D. H. McFadden. as Grand Senior Warden.
M. W. Bro. John Leslie as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. A. Shaw as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. J. T. Stephenson as Grand Treasurer.
V. W. Bro. William Braden as Grand Secretary.
Bro. A. A. McCrimmon. as Grand Supt. of Works.
V. W. Bro. R. Magnus as Grand Dir. of Cer.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in form at 10.30 o'clock a. m. in the Masonic Hall by R. W. Bro. William Roaf, who announced that he had been commissioned by the M. W. the Grand Master to open an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge and to lay the foundation stone of the Public School, Rainy River.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, a procession was formed under direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched in procession to the grounds of the Public School, the site of the proposed building, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

Prayer having been offered by the Grand Chaplain, the following scroll was read by the Grand Secretary and deposited in the cavity of the stone :

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe**

On the 31st day of July, A. D. 1905, A. L. 5905, the fifth year
of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII

King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India and Dependencies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Dominion of Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia, etc.

The Right Hon. EARL GRAY, G. C. M. G., being Governor-General of Canada.

His Honor the Hon. WM. MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M. G., P. C., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. Dr. R. A. PYNE, Minister of Education.

JAMES CONMEE, M. P.

H. W. KENNEDY, M. L. A.

HUGH CARSON, being Mayor.

M. W. Bro. J. H. BURRITT, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. DONALD ROBERTSON, D. D. G. M. of the 17th Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

OF THE RAINY RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL,

Was laid by R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, K. C., Acting Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, and in presence of a large concourse of brethren and citizens of Rainy River.

Rainy River, a town of twelve hundred inhabitants, and nicely situated on the banks of Rainy River, was incorporated on January 1st, 1904. Since that time its growth has been rapid, yet healthy, and of a permanent nature. Being a divisional point on the Canadian Northern Railway, its shipping facilities are ample, and are of such a nature as to afford every convenience to the large industries upon which the town is dependent. These industries, being the Rat Portage Lumber Co.'s and the Rainy River Lumber Co.'s saw and planing mills, afford employment to upwards of one thousand men, and support a population which at the present time is over two thousand.

Though only incorporated for nineteen months, the town has made wonderful progress in the different improvements, such as sidewalks and roads, and there are few towns indeed that have advanced so rapidly in such a short space of time.

Not only have these improvements been made, but the dwellings and mercantile buildings which have been erected are a credit both to the owners and the town and speak well for the enterprise and industry of the pioneers.

At the time of the incorporation the educational facilities were by no means up to the standard required by the department, and the newly elected School Board recognized that something must be done at once. Accordingly they procured plans and specifications and finally decided upon what, with a few subsequent alterations, is the building now under construction. One unavoidable delay after another kept crowding upon them, with the result that it was left to the present Board to carry on the work, and the structure before us today shows us how well they have discharged the duty thus placed upon them.

The Councils and School Board since incorporation are :

Council, 1904—W. J. Bolton, P. J. Gorman, George Simpson, A. Williscraft, J. G. Clark, W. P. Murphy. Donald Robertson, Mayor, and A. A. McCrimmon, M. D. T. P. Morton, Clerk. A. W. Walsh, Treasurer.

Council, 1905—W. J. Bolton, P. J. Gorman, A. E. Mark, A. P. McDonald, C. McMillan, D. A. McQuarrie. Hugh Carson, Mayor. F. A. Gormley, Clerk. A. W. Walsh, Treasurer.

School Board, 1904—K. C. Grimshaw, C. McMillan, James Clarkson, George Wescott, James Lothian, Chairman; A. E. Mark, Secretary-Treasurer.

School Board, 1905—J. Jones, George Wescott, Arch. Case, A. A. McCrimmon, M. D., H. G. Gorham, K. C. Grimshaw, Chairman; A. E. Mark, Secretary-Treasurer.

Architect, Charles H. Wheeler, Winnipeg.

Contractor, S. B. Ritchie, Winnipeg.

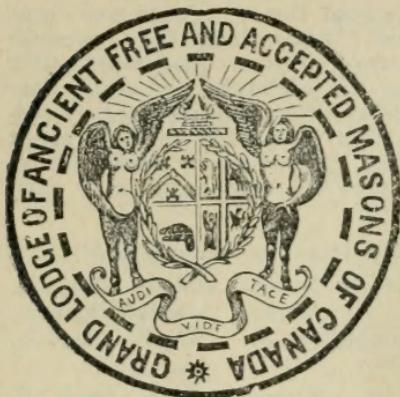
William Braden, Acting Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the coins and other records in the cavity of the stone. A presentation was then made by Mr. R. C. Grimshaw, the Chairman of the Public School Board of Rainy River for the year 1905, to the Acting Grand Master, of a beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, as a memento of the auspicious occasion. After a proper acknowledgment of the gift, made by the Acting Grand Master, the cement was spread and the stone was laid in its bed according to the usual forms and ceremonies.

Grand honors were then given and R. W. Bro. William Roaf, Acting Grand Master, delivered an address to the large gathering assembled.

R. W. Bro. A. Shaw also delivered an address. The procession re-formed and the brethren returned to the lodge room, where Grand Lodge was duly closed in form.

ATTEST :



Hugh Murray
Grand Secretary

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at Micksburg, in the County of Renfrew, on Tuesday, the 5th day of June, A.D. 1906, A.L. 5906.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K.C.	Grand Master.
M. W. Bro. William R. White, K.C.	Past Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Geo. E. Josephs, M. D.	
P. D. D. G. M.	as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. Andrew Johnston	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. Jas. H. Leach	as Grand Junior Warden.
W. Bro. Rev. Dr. G. D. Bayne....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. E. A. Dunlop, M.P.P....	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. John P. Millar	as Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. J. G. Forgie	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. Dr. A. J. Sparling	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. John H. Reeves	as Grand Supt of Works.
V. W. Bro. J. C. Stewart	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
Bro. R. B. Harrison	as Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. H. S. Bowden	as Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. A. T. Mackie	as Grand Tylers.
Bro. J. R. Brownlee	
Bro. F. E. Fortin	
Bro. W. D. McLaren	as Grand Stewards.
Bro. A. McLaren, M. D....	
Bro. J. Harrison.	
Bro. W. T. C. Bethel	
Bro. J. C. Hunter	
Bro. S. M. Snedden	
Bro. W. H. Edwards	as Grand Organist.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from other lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample for at three o'clock p. m. by M. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of St. Stephen's Anglican Church at Micksburg, in the Township of Stafford, County of Renfrew.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies and marched to the site in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The Rector of the Church, the Rev. Robert Orr, L. T., then read an address to the M. W. the Grand Master, to which the Grand Master made a suitable reply, after which the ceremony of laying the corner stone was proceeded with in the presence of a large concourse of people.

The Acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing and the Acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone.

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe**

On the 5th day of June, A. D. 1906, A. L. 5906, and the 6th year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

Edward VII

King of Great Britain and Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the seas, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, etc.

His Excellency LORD GREY, being Governor-General of Canada.

The Hon. WM. MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieut.-Governor of Ontario.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER, being the Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, K. C., being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

The North Riding of the County of Renfrew, in the House of Commons, being vacant owing to the recent death of the late Hon. PETER WHITE, P. C., late member.

W. Bro. E. A. DUNLOP, M.P.P. for the North Riding of the County of Renfrew.

R. W. Bro. A. S. GORRELL, M. D., D. D. G. M. for the 16th Masonic District.

Right Rev. CHARLES HAMILTON, being Bishop of the Diocese of Ottawa.

The Rev. ROBERT ORR, L. T., being Rector of the Parish of Stafford.

SAMUEL ANDREWS, ESQ., being Reeve of the Township of Stafford.

M. W. Bro. JAS. H. BURRITT, K. C., being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

This Corner Stone

OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,

was laid by M. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the County and members of the Parish.

JOHN LEACH and GEORGE ROSS being Churchwardens.

THOS. HAWKINS, SAMUEL RATH, WM. WRIGHT, THOS. WRIGHT, JOHN WRIGHT, EDWARD HAWKINS and THOS. BUTTLE being the Building Committee.

JOHN P. MILLAR, Jr., Acting Grand Secretary Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

Stafford, 5th June, 1906.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing the coins of the Dominion, together with copies of many newspapers, in the cavity in the stone.

The Grand Wardens and the Acting Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their office to the stone after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The Grand Master then invited M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K. C., Past Grand Master, to address the assembled audience, which he did.

The Grand Honors were then given, after which the Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing, the procession then

re-formed, the brethren repairing to the lodge room, when the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ATTEST :



Hugh Murray

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Town of North Bay, on Wednesday, the twentieth day of June, A.D. 1906, A.L. 5906.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, K.C....	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Archibald Hood	as Past Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Judge H. D. Leask.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. A. Carmichael	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. A. J. Young	as Grand Junior Warden.
W. Bro. Rev. F. E. Pitts.....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. C. R. Reid	as Grand Treasurer.
Bro. W. I. Johnston	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. George W. Lee	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. Arch. Foster, Jr.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. Bro. W. B. Saunders	as Grand Supt. of Works.
Bro. S. A. Huntington	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
Bro. Frank Haynes	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. D. Mitchell	as Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. George Taylor	
Bro. J. H. Black	
Bro. H. Trelford.	
Bro. John Morris	as Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel, M.D	
Bro. James E. Young	
W. Bro. Evan E. Fraser, M.P.P..	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from various lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 1.30 p.m. by M. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the North Bay Methodist Church, North Bay.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was

called off, a procession formed under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site under prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

An address was then presented by Edgar Brandon, Esq., M. D., to the M. W. the Grand Master.

North Bay, June 20th, 1906.

To J. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

Most Worshipful Sir :

On behalf of the congregation and the official boards of the North Bay Methodist Church, we have great pleasure here today in welcoming you and the Order of which you are the distinguished head. We are highly honored in having the ceremony of laying the corner stone of our new church performed by a gentleman so distinguished as yourself, and under the auspices of an organization so widespread, so far reaching and so beneficent as that of Freemasonry.

The principles for which your august body stands are the same broad, basic, Christian principles for which our church has ever stood—The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. You and your great Order are seeking to inculcate and further that doctrine, and we are attempting, in erecting this church, the corner stone of which you are about to lay, to more thoroughly carry out those principles and to obey the behests of the Great Grand Master of the Universe.

We are especially pleased to have you and the other Grand Lodge officers with us on this interesting occasion, and we again extend to you and your society our earnest welcome and heartiest greetings. We congratulate you and the Masonic fraternity upon the success and usefulness of your body in the past, and in presenting you with this address and this silver trowel as mementoes of this event, we would express the wish that success may be continued to you in still greater measure and ever increasing prosperity.

Signed on behalf of the Congregation—

REV. J. W. STEWART, Pastor.

Signed on behalf of the Quarterly Board—

J. C. DETLOR, M. A., Secretary.

Signed on behalf of the Trustee Board—

EDGAR BRANDON, M. D., Secretary.

After the Grand Master's reply and the presentation to him of a beautiful silver trowel, the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone was proceeded with.

The Acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone :

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect
of the Universe**

On the 20th day of June, A. D. 1906, A. L. 5906, and the 6th year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Edward VII

By the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, C. M. G., being Governor-General of Canada.

His Honor WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., being Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Hon. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G. C. M. G., P. C., M. P., President of the King's Privy Council, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. J. P. WHITNEY, M.P.P., K. C., being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

Rev. R. N. BURNS, D. D., being President of the Toronto Conference of the Methodist Church.

Rev. J. W. STEWART, being Pastor of the North Bay Methodist Church.

DAVID PURVIS, ESQ., being Mayor of the Town of North Bay.

M. W. Bro. Jas. H. BURRITT, K. C., being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. JUDGE H. D. LEASK, being D. D. G. M. of the 18th Masonic District.

This Corner Stone

Was laid by M. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and inhabitants of the Town of North Bay.

Trustee Board—John Shaw, C. E., O. L. S. ; J. C. Detlor, M.A. ; James Fowler, James McCluskey, J. W. Richardson, T. N. Colgan, T. J. Dreany, J. W. Deegan, E. C. A. Eley, Wm. Lidkea, E. Brandon, M.D., J. Cleminson, C. Putnam and S. Weegar.

Quarterly Board—J. C. Detlor, J. W. Richardson, E. Brandon, M.D., James Fowler, T. N. Colgan, E. C. A. Eley, Walter Moorehouse, J. H. Shaw, C.E., T. J. Dreany, J. W. Deegan, Wm. Lidkea, W. J. Stark, Mrs. J. C. Detlor, Mrs. Jas. Fowler. J. C. Detlor, Recording Steward ; E. Brandon, M. D., Envelope Steward.

Building Committee—T. N. Colgan, Chairman ; J. H. Shaw, J. W. Richardson, C. C. Begg, J. W. Deegan, Treasurer ; W. Martin, Jr., Secretary.

HUGH MURRAY, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

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North Bay, Ontario, June 20, 1906.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial containing the coins of the Dominion, together with certain newspapers and records, in the cavity of the stone.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.

Grand Honors were then given under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies.

On the invitation of the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Judge H. D. Leask, Acting Deputy Grand Master, addressed the assembled audience, after which Rev. J. W. Stewart made a fitting reply on behalf of the congregation.

The Choir then sang an anthem, after which Rev. Mr. Stewart invited Mayor Purvis, of North Bay, to address the assemblage.

The Acting Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing, and the procession was re-formed, the brethren returning to the Masonic Hall, when the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

ATTEST :



Hugh Murray

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

At the Fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Toronto, commencing on Wednesday the eighteenth day of July, A. D. 1906, A. L. 5906.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed.

R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. H. T. White	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. F. E. Howitt.....	Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. Hon. Wm. Gibson.....	as Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar	as Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. John G. Forgie	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. Thos. W. Barber	Grand Dir. of Cer.
V. W. Bro. Albert J. Brown	Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. Geo. Nichol	as Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. W. Hay	as Asst. Grand Organist.
W. Bro. F. B. Kennard	as Grand Supt. of Works.
R. W. Bro. H. T. Droe	as Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedlar	Grand Stewards.
W. Bro. S. J. Gardley	
V. W. Bro. John Smeaton	Grand Stand'd Bearers.
V. W. Bro. Jabez H. Elliott	
V. W. Bro. Jos. B. Pearce	Grand Tyler.
Bro. James M. Pritchard	

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,

R. W. Bro. Geo B. Crumb.....	Erie	District No. 1
" S. E. Cornell	St. Clair	" 2
" J. A. Tancock	London	" 3
" L. H. Dickson	South Huron	" 4
" Peter McLaren	North Huron	" 5
" J. R. Waddle.	Wilson	6

R. W. Bro. W. G. Stephenson.....	Wellington	District	No. 7
" J. O. McGregor	Hamilton	"	8
" A. D. Knight	Georgian	"	9
" Robert McDonald	Niagara	"	10
" E. M. Carleton.....	Toronto West	"	11
" Fred W. Harcourt	Toronto East	"	11a
" J. W. Watson	Ontario	"	12
" W. S. Herrington	Frontenac	"	14
" W. H. Waddell	St. Lawrence	"	15
" A. S. Gorrell	Ottawa	"	16
" H. D. Leask	Nipissing	"	18
" A. Carmichael	Muskoka	"	19
" John Hull	Otonabee	"	20
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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen	Ireland.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn	British Columbia.
R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson	New Brunswick.
M. W. Bro. Hon. Wm. Gibson.....	Quebec.
R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell	New South Wales.
R. W. Bro. L. Secord, M. D.....	New Zealand.
M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C.....	South Australia.
R. W. Bro. Alfred E. Webster	Tasmania.
R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed	Alabama.
R. W. Bro. J. G. Hegler, K.C.....	Arkansas.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Connecticut.
M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, K.C..	District of Columbia.
R. W. Bro. G. H. Clendennan.....	Florida.
M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K.C.....	Georgia.
V. W. Bro. J. K. Flock, K.C.....	Idaho.
R. W. Bro. Abraham Shaw	Illinois.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C..	Indiana.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid	Kansas.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, K.C..	Louisiana.
R. W. Bro. C. N. Postlethwaite.....	Maine.
R. W. Bro. Aubrey White	Maryland.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson.....	Minnesota.
M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, K.C.....	Missouri.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, K.C.	Montana.
R. W. Bro. William Roaf	Nebraska.
V. W. Bro. J. A. Cowan	New Hampshire.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C..	New Jersey.
R. W. Bro. William Rea	New Mexico.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	New York.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar	North Dakota.
R. W. Bro. Burley Burch	Ohio.
R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell	Oklahoma.
R. W. Bro. H. A. Collins	Rhode Island.
R. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb	South Carolina.
R. W. Bro. Jas. McLachlan	Tennessee.
M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K.C..	Texas.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro. Hon. J. K. Kerr, K. C...	Utah.
R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke	Vermont.
R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson	Washington.
M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, K. C...	West Virginia.
R. W. Bro. Henry Rush	Wisconsin.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Brazil.
V. W. Bro. A. L. Malone	Chili.
R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait.....	The Island of Cuba.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins	Hungary.
R. W. Bro. G. G. Rowe	Italy.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters—A. A. Stevenson, Hon. J. K. Kerr, Hugh Murray, Henry Robertson, Hon. J. M. Gibson, W. R. White, Hon. Wm. Gibson, J. E. Harding, Benjamin Allen, William A. Sutherland (honorary).

Past District Deputy Grand Masters—R. W. Bros. J. A. C. Anderson, G. J. Bennett, E. B. Brown, Jos. Beck, Edward Burns, W. F. Bald, J. C. Bartle, J. K. Bryden, C. H. Connor, A. Cowan, D. D. Campbell, A. M. Cunningham, W. Cowan, Donald Ross, J. S. Dewar, E. J. B. Duncan, E. T. Essery, E. Fitzgerald, C. F. Farwell, James Glanville, R. L. Gunn, W. S. Garner, J. H. A. Gould, J. A. Houston, A. C. Hutchison, F. G. Henwood, Isaac Huber, R. R. Hopkins, Robt. Irvine, H. J. Johnston, W. Jaques, Wm. Kennedy, F. A. Latshaw, J. G. Liddell, John Malloy, D. F. Macwatt, Geo. Malcolm, Curran Morrison, D. B. Miller, J. A. Macfadden, T. C. McNabb, W. H. McFadden, A. McDougall, H. A. Nicholls, John Nettleton, J. B. Nixon, J. W. Porteous, H. Pringle, Wm. Roaf, A. M. Ross, James Ross, Wm. Rea, D. Robertson, W. H. Robinson, D. B. Simpson, John Shaw, A. Shaw, J. H. Scott, W. G. Stevenson, Geo. Somerville, W. T. Toner, J. B. Tiernay, Aubrey White, J. W. Wright, W. H. Walkey, Ed. Worth, A. F. Webster, A. J. Whitby, James Walmsley, John Wilson, A. J. Young.

Past Grand Senior Wardens—R. W. Bros. W. G. Eakins, Allen McLean, C. W. Postlethwaite, W. B. Race, L. Secord.

Past Grand Junior Wardens—R. W. Bros. R. V. Matthews, G. G. Rowe, Henry Rush.

Past Grand Chaplains—R. W. Bros. W. L. Baynes-Reid, William Farcomb.

Past Grand Registrars—R. W. Bros. Malcolm Gibbs, H. C. Wilkinson.

Past Grand Senior Deacons—R. W. Bro. J. Y. Egan.

Past Grand Stewards—V. W. Bros. F. Davey Diamond, W. S. Morden.

Past Grand Organists—V. W. Bro. Raymond Walker.

Past Grand Superintendent of Works—V. W. Bro. C. F. Mansell.

Past Grand Standard Bearers—V. W. Bro. Robt. Cuthbert, J. W. Jones.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge the members of the City Council were introduced and extended a hearty welcome to the Grand Lodge, to which the Most Worshipful the Grand Master made suitable reply.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 11.30 o'clock a. m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon the proceedings.

The Worshipful Masters of the Toronto Lodges then presented the following address of welcome:

To Most Worshipful Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR:

On behalf of the Masons of Toronto we gladly embrace the opportunity presented by the Fifty-first Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, to welcome you, Most Worshipful Sir, and with you the officers and visiting members of Grand Lodge, to our fair city.

As Masons we welcome you as our Grand Master, because of our loyalty to Grand Lodge and the high office which you so ably fill, but we welcome you the more because of the genuine fraternal affection which we have learned to feel towards you personally during the first year of your occupancy of the Grand East.

A year ago, to many of us, you were more or less a stranger, to-day we know you as a well beloved elder brother, jealous for our welfare, tolerant of our infirmities and ever ready to give your time and to devote your ability in aid of any lodge and of any brother needing or seeking your assistance. The progress made by Grand Lodge during the past year, and the manner in which you have discharged the duties of your high office as Grand Master, have more than justified the expectations of your brethren of Grand Lodge, to whom you have long been known through your associations with a most difficult phase of Masonic work, as a Master Workman well skilled in our noble art and ever devoted to the highest ideals of Masonry. You have been faithful to the sacred trust reposed in you. You have been careful to safeguard the ancient landmarks of our Institution. You have required, as a Master Workman should, that the work of your Craftsmen be straight and true, but withal you have ever exhibited towards your brethren that true brotherly love which is the foundation and capstone, the cement and glory of our ancient fraternity.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, may we express the hope that the deliberations and labors of this communication

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of Grand Lodge may result in a deepening and strengthening of the Masonic spirit throughout the jurisdiction.

Signed on behalf of the brethren of Toronto

(Signed) D. D. G. M. District No. 11.
D. D. G. M. District No. 11a.
and the Masters of the 18
Lodges in Toronto.

Toronto, July 17, 1906.

To which the Grand Master made suitable reply.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of representatives and proxies from lodges reported that there are 390 warranted lodges on the register; 229 are represented by their duly qualified officers; 65 are represented by proxy; 29 are not represented by proxy but have Past Masters present; 57 are unrepresented in any way. There are 994 names registered, having a total of 1,458 votes.

The following are the names of those present:

No. 2.

Niagara, Niagara.

W. Bro. J. Dew Randall, W. M.; W. Bros. J. G. Rousseaux, J. H. Brown, W. E. Lyall and J. G. Bottomley, P. M's.

No. 3.

The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.

Bro. Dr. O. W. Daley, S. W.; W. Bros. G. W. Gaden and Geo. Creegan, P. M's.

No. 5.

Sussex, Brockville.

W. Bro. J. A. Derbyshire, W. M.

No. 6.

The Barton, Hamilton.

M. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, W. Bros. Geo. Moore and W. E. Henderson, P. M's.

No. 7.

Union, Grimsby.

W. Bro. W. B. Calder, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. J. Droke, W. Bros. A. F. Hawke, C. W. Harrison, W. F. Randall and W. F. Clarke, P. M's.

No. 9.

Union, Napanee.

W. Bro. E. J. Walters, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. T. Harrington and W. Bro. Rev. F. T. Dibb, P. M's.

No. 10.

Norfolk, Simcoe.

W. Bro. W. C. Everett, W. M., and W. Bro. H. P. Innis, P. M.

No. 11.**Moira, Belleville.**

W. Bro. H. T. Ketchison, W. M. ; V. W. Bro. W. S. Morden and W. Bro. John Newton, P. M's.

No. 14.**True Britons, Perth.**

W. Bro. W. T. Hands, W. M., and W. Bro. W. C. McCeney, P. M.

No. 15.**St. George's, St. Catharines.**

W. Bro. A. T. Riddell, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. C. H. Connor and J. G. Harris, P. M's.

No. 16.**St. Andrew's, Toronto.**

W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman, W. M. ; Bro. J. W. Rogers, S. W. ; R. W. Bros. Geo. Tait, W. C. Wilkinson, J. Glanville, V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, W. Bros. L. H. Luke, A. C. Ailedge, J. T. Slater, F. M. Bell Smith, John Pearson, W. F. Chapman, W. F. McMaster, J. S. Lovell, A. P. McDonald, Geo. Burch and Fred Dain, P. M's.

No. 17.**St. John's, Cobourg.**

W. Bros. J. H. Davidson, W. M., and J. J. Kerr, P. M.

No. 18.**Prince Edward, Picton.**

W. Bro. H. E. Tobey, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, J. W. Wright, and W. Bro. G. M. Hermiston, P. M's.

No. 20.**St. John's, London.**

W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. A. Tancock, P. M.

No. 22.**King Solomon's, Toronto.**

Bro. W. Stinson, S. W. ; R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, V. W. Bro. Raymond Walker, W. Bros. R. Holme, W. Anderson, John McKerracher, A. A. Davis, W. A. Lyon, G. B. Newberry, T. Newton, W. A. Scott, W. H. Walkem, N. T. Lyon, P. M's.

No. 23.**Richmond, Richmond Hill.**

W. Bro. T. A. Lawson, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. H. A. Nichol, W. Bro. R. A. Farquharson, T. H. French, J. Crossley, T. F. McMahon, P. M's.

No. 24.**St. Francis, Smith's Falls.**

R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston, W. Bros. G. T. Martin and W. Hyndman, Proxy, P. M's.

No. 25.**Ionic, Toronto.**

W. Bro. G. H. D. Lee, W. M. ; Bro. H. N. Mowatt, J.W. ; M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, R. W. Bros. G. J. Bennett, C. W. Postlethwaite, F. W. Harcourt, W. G. Eakins, Wm. Roaf, E. B. Brown, W. Bros. J. R. Roaf, J. A. McAndrew, A. W. Porte, D. J. Groggin and K. J. Dunstan, P. M's.

No. 26.**Ontario, Port Hope.**

W. Bro. Thos. Iver, W. M.

No. 27.**Strict Observance, Hamilton.**

W. Bro. W. C. Breckenridge, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn and W. Bro. J. H. Collinson.

No. 28. Mount Zion, Kemptville.

W. Bro. W. L. Phelps, W. M.

No. 29. United, Brighton.

W. Bros. D. R. Davidson, W. M. ; C. A. Lopp, A. Burke, B. C. Becker and G. E. Newman, P. M's.

No. 30. Composite, Whitby.

W. Bro. W. M. Pringle, W. M. ; Bros. J. J. Lynd, S. W. ; A. T. Lawlor, J. W., R. W. Bro. A. M. Ross, W. Bros. J. S. White, P. Taylor, F. Hatch, Chas. King, W. J. H. Richardson and A. G. Henderson, P. M's.

No. 31. Jerusalem, Bowmanville.

W. Bro. J. S. Patterson, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. D. B. Simpson, P. M.

No. 32. Amity, Dunnville.

W. Bro. J. A. Scholfield, A. G. W. Connolly, P. M's.

No. 33. Maitland, Goderich.

W. Bro. W. F. Gallow, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. Jos. Beck, W. Bros. W. D. Tye, A. S. Chrystal and Geo. Porter, P. M's.

No. 34. Thistle, Amherstburg.

W. Bros. Samuel D. Johnston, W. M. ; C. M. Christianson, P. M.

No. 35. St. John's, Cayuga.

W. Bro. J. W. Sheppard, P. M.

No. 37. King Hiram, Ingersoll.

Bro. J. D. Coleridge, S. W.

No. 38. Trent, Trenton.

W. Bros. R. H. Spencer, Proxy ; S. B. McClung, E. E. Ingall and W. Booth, P. M's.

No. 39. Mount Zion, Brooklin.

W. Bro. J. J. Moore, P. M.

No. 40. St. John's, Hamilton.

W. Bro. John T. Wilson, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. John Malloy, W. Bros. J. W. McAllister, J. E. Riddell, J. Keith, R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid, W. Bros. J. T. Crawford and A. P. Nicol, P. M's.

No. 41. St. George's, Kingsville.

W. Bro. F. J. Vorden, P. M. and Proxy.

No. 42. St. George's, London.

W. Bros. A. G. Stephens, P. M., Proxy ; W. Haverson, P. M.

No. 43. King Solomon's, Woodstock.

W. Bro. John McGachie, W. M. ; Bro. L. E. Edwards, J. W. ; W. Bros. A. McGachie, Jas. McMahon and F. W. Bean, P. M's.

No. 44. St. Thomas, St. Thomas.

W. Bro. A. J. Stevenson, P. M.

No. 45. **Brant, Brantford.**
W. Bro. J. Heath, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. A. F. Passmore,
W. Bro. D. Hoag and S. Mudge, P. M's.

No. 46. **Wellington, Chatham.**
W. Bro. W. A. Hadley, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. G. B. Crumb
and T. C. McNab, P. M's.

No. 47. **Great Western, Windsor.**
W. Bro. E. C. Russell, W. M. ; Bros. W. N. Gatfield, S.
W., A. E. Mumby, J. W., and W. Bro. D. L. Carley, P. M.

No. 48. **Madoc, Madoc.**
W. Bro. Dr. S. Eagleton, W. M. ; Bro. W. J. Hill, S. W. ;
W. Bro. A. H. Watson, P. M.

No. 50. **Consecon, Consecon.**
W. Bro. Waddell, W. M.

No. 52. **Dalhousie, Ottawa.**
Bro. J. W. G. Roberts, S. W. ; W. Bro. J. C. Scott and
R. W. Bro. G. S. May, P. M's.

No. 54. **Vaughan, Maple.**
W. Bro. J. B. McLean, W. M. ; Bros. H. C. Bailey, S.W. ;
T. H. Keys, J. W. ; W. Bros. J. Kaiser, J. T. Saigeon, L.
Richardson and R. B. Orr, P. M's.

No. 55. **Merrickville, Merrickville.**
W. Bro. J. F. Hicks, W. M.

No. 56. **Victoria, Sarnia.**
W. Bros. A. E. McDonald, W. M. ; W. Bros. W. Old-
ham, A. K. Wanless and Geo. S. Mitten, P. M's.

No. 57. **Harmony, Binbrook.**
W. Bro. E. I. Twiss, P. M.

No. 58. **Doric, Ottawa.**
W. Bro. H. O. Pratt, P. M., Proxy ; R. W. Bro. S. A.
Luke and W. Bro. J. C. Bartram, P. M's.

No. 61. **Acacia, Hamilton.**
W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, W. M. ; Bro. E. E. Linger, S.
W. ; M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, R. W. Bro. R. V. Mat-
thews, W. Bros. Lyman Lee, F. H. Yapp and S. A. Mor-
gan, P. M's.

No. 62. **St. Andrew's, Caledonia.**
V. W. Bro. Jas. Old, P. M., Proxy ; W. Bro. E. T. Sea-
ton, P. M.

No. 63. **St. John's, Carleton Place.**
W. Bro. Geo. H. Findlay, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. A. S. Gor-
rell and W. Bro. D. H. McIntosh, P. M's.

No. 64. **Kilwinning, London.**
W. Bro. J. E. Kays, W. M. ; W. Bros. A. D. Hodgins, N.
A. Buchner and J. H. Flock, P. M's.

No. 65. Rehoboam, Toronto.
 W. Bro. J. W. Payne, W. M. ; W. Bros. M. Gibbs, R. C. Harris, Andrew Park, W. J. Graham, R. W. Clewlo, W. H. Blight, Wm. Bain, G. R. Vanzant, E. N. Briggs, Wm. Crichton, G. H. Mitchell, P. M's.

No. 68. St. John's, Ingersoll.
 W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, P. M., Proxy.

No. 69. Stirling, Stirling.
 R. W. Bro. John Shaw, W. M. ; W. Bro. J. Bart. Hallowell, P. M.

No. 72. Alma, Galt.
 W. Bro. Finlay Smith, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. W. Porteous, W. Bro. C. R. Despard, P. M's.

No. 73. St. James, St. Mary's.
 W. Bros. A. Willodd, W. M. ; W. Bros. Jas. Chalmers, H. A. L. White, A. C. Jackson, J. G. Constable, W. T. Land and J. A. McDonald, P. M's.

No. 74. St. James, Bethel.
 W. Bros. S. D. Walker, W. M., and R. Edwards, P. M.

No. 75. St. John's, Toronto.
 W. Bros. R. G. Gladman, W. M. ; J. G. Boyce, H. S. King, J. H. McKinnon, C. E. Howarth, J. Ewen, Alex. Fraser, D. Chisholm, E. A. Matthews, Spencer Love and R. B. Harcourt, P. M's.

No. 76. Oxford, Woodstock.
 W. Bro. F. H. Down, W. M., and W. A. Kairn, P. M.

No. 77. Faithful Brethren, Lindsay.
 M W. Bro. J. E. Harding, P. M.

No. 78. King Hiram, Tilsonburg.
 W. Bro. A. E. Raynes, P. M., Proxy.

No. 83. Beaver, Strathroy.
 W. Bro. Rev. W. T. Cluff, W. M.

No. 84. Clinton, Clinton.
 W. Bro. R. A. Bartin, P. M.

No. 86. Wilson, Toronto.
 W. Bro. Dr. W. P. Thompson, W. M. ; Bro. J. S. Simmons, J. W. ; R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton, W. Bros. Henry Sheard, F. H. Herbert, Alex. Patterson, R. Segsworth, J. W. Johnston, Geo. Moir, J. A. Carreth, S. N. Hughes, R. T. Condy and John Akers, P. M's.

No. 87. Markham Union, Markham.
 W. Bros. Jas. Malcolm, W. M. ; J. B. Gould, Jesse Noble, F. A. Reesor, G. A. M. Davidson and R. A. Mason, P. M's.

No. 88. St. George's Owen Sound.
 W. Bro. A. L. Danard, W. M. ; W. Bro. J. McLauchan, H. N. Little, Alan Cameron and J. M. Campbell, P. M's.

No. 90.**Manito, Collingwood.**

W. Bro. A. H. Johnson, W. M. ; M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, R. W. Bros. A. D. Knight, John Nettleton and W. T. Toner, P. M's.

No. 91.**Colborne, Colborne.**

W. Bro. H. W. Dudley, W. M. ; Bro. H. S. Keys, S. W. ; W. Bro. W. G. Neill, F. C. Webb, W. Bellamy, F. O. McGlennon, Jas. Cochrane, V. G. Cornwall, P. M's.

No. 92.**Cararaqui, Kingston.**

W. Bro. J. R. Smeaton, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. Geo. Somerville, A. Shaw and W. Bro. E. S. Boyden, P. M's.

No. 93.**Northern Light, Kincardine.**

W. Bro. Wm. Hay, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. J. H. Scott, P.M.

No. 94.**St. Mark's, Port Stanley.**

W. Bro. J. H. Courtney, W. M.

No. 96.**Corinthian, Barrie.**

W. Bro. D. Ross, W. M. ; R. W. Bros. D. F. Macwatt, A. Cowan and W. Bro. J. C. Irwin, P. M's.

No. 97.**Sharon, Queensville.**

W. Bro. W. G. Kell, W. M. ; W. Bro. J. T. Powers, P.M.

No. 98.**True Blue, Bolton.**

W. Bros. J. A. Slade, W. M., and W. T. Harkell, P. M.

No. 99.**Tuscan, Newmarket.**

W. Bro. P. Morgan, W. M. ; W. Bros. A. E. Coombs, W. Aylesworth, P. T. Lee, A. Webb and P. J. Anderson, P. M's.

No. 100.**Valley, Dundas.**

W. Bro. J. Bibby, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. F. A. Latshaw and W. Bro. W. H. Bates, P. M's.

No. 101.**Corinthian, Peterboro.**

W. Bros. W. H. Bradburn, W. M. ; D. Walker and R. E. Wood, P. M's.

No. 103.**Maple Leaf, St. Catharines.**

R. W. Bro. B. J. Leubsdorf, P. M., Proxy ; R. W. Bro. H. J. Johnston and W. Bro. E. N. Potter, P. M's.

No. 104.**St. John's, Norwich.**

W. Bros. C. G. Hewlett, P. M. and W. M. ; Dr. A. S. Ellis, P. M.

No. 105.**St. Mark's, Niagara Falls South.**

R. W. Bro. W. D. Garner, P. M.

No. 106.**Burford, Burford.**

Bro. Frank Leigh, S. W. ; W. Bro. R. Gaul and W. K. Muir, P. M's.

No. 107.**St. Paul's, Lambeth.**

W. Bros. J. C. Love and D. B. Burch, P. M's.

No. 108.**Blenheim, Princeton.**

W. Bros. F. Vickert, W. M., and Jas. Smiley, P. M.

No. 109. **Albion, Harrowsmith.**
W. Bro. G. S. Stewart, W. M.

No. 113. **Wilson, Waterford.**
R. W. Bro. James Ross, P. M., Proxy.

No. 114. **Hope, Port Hope.**
W. Bro. E. Tope, W. M.

No. 115. **Ivy, Beamsville.**
W. Bro. G. S. Karr, W. M., and Bro. W. D. Fairbrother, S. W.

No. 116. **Cassia, Thedford.**
W. Bro. W. J. Bailey, W. M.

No. 120. **Warren, Fingal.**
W. Bros. Geo. E. Norman, Proxy ; Fred. Guest, P. M.

No. 121. **Doric, Brantford.**
R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell, Proxy ; R. W. Bro. L. Secord and W. Bro. W. H. Inglis, P. M's.

No. 122. **Renfrew, Renfrew.**
Bros. W. J. Acton, S. W. ; John Conley, J. W., and W. Bro. H. Cooligan, P. M.

No. 123. **The Belleville, Belleville.**
W. Bro. S. A. Gardner, W. M. ; R. W. Bro. H. Pringle, P. M.

No. 125. **Cornwall, Cornwall.**
W. Bros. W. H. Maywood, W. M., and A. E. McLean, P. M.

No. 127. **Franck, Frankford.**
W. Bro. W. C. Bull, W. M.

No. 128. **Pembroke, Pembroke.**
Bro. H. S. Bowden, J. W. ; M. W. Bros. Jas. H. Burritt and W. R. White, V. W. Bro. J. G. Forgie, W. Bros. J. H. Leach, R. W. Kenning and Alex. Morris, P. M's.

No. 129. **The Rising Sun, Aurora.**
W. Bros. F. Baldwin, Proxy ; W. H. Birchard, H. J. Charles, D. A. Radcliffe, F. T. Bavill, W. J. Stevenson and E. Braund, P. M's.

No. 131. **St. Lawrence, Southampton.**
W. Bro. Jas. Dundas, Proxy, and W. Bro. P. J. Scott, Donald Ross and K. Montgomery, P. M's.

No. 133. **Lebanon Forest, Exeter.**
R. W. Bro. L. H. Dickson, P. M., Proxy ; W. Bro. W. J. Hearman, W. M.

No. 135. **St. Clair, Milton.**
W. Bro. J. W. Crozier, W. M. ; W. Bro. Jas. A. Fraser and J. H. Peacock, P. M's.

No. 136. **Richardson, Stouffville.**
Bros. L. B. Forsyth, S. W. ; W. A. Sangster, J. W. ; W. Bros. A. P. Bruce and R. P. Coulson, P. M's.

No. 137. Pythagoras, Meaford.
W. Bro. F. H. Finlay; Bros. J. A. Cornwall, S. W. ; J. S. Jordan, J. W. ; W. Bro. F. A. Clarke, P. M.

No. 139. Lebanon, Oshawa.
W. Bro. W. E. N. Sinclair, W. M.

No. 140. Malahide, Aylmer.
W. Bro. E. E. C. Kilmer, Proxy.

No. 142. Excelsior, Morrisburg.
W. Bros. J. A. Barkley, W. M., and W. K. Farley, P. M.

No. 143. Friendly Brothers, Iroquois.
W. Bro. F. W. Hare, W. M.

No. 144. Tecumseh, Stratford.
Bros. H. H. Monteith, S. W. ; R. J. Stevenson, J. W. ; R. W. Bro. Geo. Malcolm, W. Bros. C. McCallum and J. P. Rankin, P. M's.

No. 146. Prince of Wales, Newburgh.
W. Bros. F. G. Miller, W. M. ; R. W. Longmore and Robt. Guy, P. M's.

No. 147. Mississippi, Almonte.
W. Bro. J. H. Kelly, P. M. and W. M.

No. 148. Civil Service, Ottawa.
W. Bro. A. F. Phillips, W. M. ; W. Bros. W. Rowen and L. W. Coutlee, P. M's.

No. 149. Erie, Port Dover.
W. Bro. F. M. Bond, P. M., Proxy ; R. W. Bros. J. R. Waddle and Dr. Wm. Kennedy, P. M's.

No. 151. The Grand River, Berlin.
W. Bros. D. W. Houston, W. M., and J. H. Landreth, P. M.

No. 153. Burns, Wyoming.
W. Bro. W. B. Jones, W. M.

No. 154. Irving, Lucan.
W. Bro. E. A. Preston, W. M. ; Bro. J. S. Wren, S. W. ; W. Bros. Rev. H. A. Thomas, T. D. Orme and C. C. Hodgins, P. M's.

No. 155. Peterborough, Peterborough.
Bro. J. Jeffries, S. W. ; R. W. Bros. W. H. Walkey, H. Rush and W. Bro. R. W. McFadden, P. M's.

No. 156. York, Eglinton.
W. Bro. W. J. Douglas, W. M. ; Bro. R. Ferguson, S. W. ; W. Bro. R. W. Hull, D. Robertson, Wm. Duncan, A. J. Brown, R. J. Gilbert, C. H. Brown, W. S. Dalby and C. C. Innis, P. M's.

No. 157. Simpson, Newboro.
W. Bros. G. S. Johnston, W. M., and J. R. Dargavel, P.M.

No. 158. Alexandria, Oil Springs.
W. Bro. A. W. Parks, P. M., Proxy.

No. 159. Goodwood, Richmond.
W. Bro. Robt. Richardson, W. M.

No. 161. Percy, Warksworth.
W. Bro. R. B. Dawson, W. M., and R. W. Bro. F. Glover, P. M.

No. 162. Forest, Wroxeter.
W. Bros. R. B. Harris, W. M. ; R. Miller, P. M.

No. 164. Star in the East, Wellington.
W. Bros. D. A. Preston, W. M., and W. J. Geron, P. M.

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W. Bros. A. W. Stover, W. M., and R. A. Stokes, P. M.

No. 426. Stanley, W. Toronto Junction.

W. Bro. Thos. Ferguson, W. M. ; Bros. J. T. McMullin, S. W. ; W. Spear, J. W. ; W. Bros. A. J. Anderson, J. Haggas, A. H. Perfect, J. A. Ellis, T. G. White, J. R. Royce, G. W. Clendenan, W. J. Sheppard, R. L. McCormack, A. H. Royce, P. Ellis and J. W. Wansbrough, P. M's.

No. 428. Fidelity Port Perry.

W. Bro. C. H. Alliston, W. M. ; W. Bro. H. G. Hutchinson, F. E. Harrison, A. J. Dair and M. A. Beatty, P. M's.

No. 429. Port Elgin, Port Elgin.

W. Bros. W. H. Marrs, P. M., proxy, and Geo. W. Smith, P. M.

No. 430. Acacia, East Toronto.

W. Bro. J. W. Johnson, W. M. ; Bros. A. J. Johnson, S. W. ; W. J. Clay, J. W. ; R. W. Bro. Rev. Baynes Reed, W. Bros. John Parcell, W. H. Grant, J. Richardson and C. Fitzpatrick, P. M's.

No. 431. Moravian, Eden Grove.

W. Bro. Jas. Dougal, P. M., proxy.

No. 432. Hanover, Hanover.

Bro. Chas. Kuehner, S. W.

No. 434. Algonquin, Elmsdale.

W. Bro. D. W. Campbell, P. M.

No. 435. Havelock, Havelock.

W. Bro. A. Kniewasser, W. M. ; W. Bro. J. Dorricott and E. Williams, P. M's.

No. 436. Burns, Hepworth.

W. Bro. R. C. Reid, W. M.

No. 437. Tuscan, Sarnia.

W. Bro. C. S. Cameron, W. M. ; Bro. Alex. Joss, S. W. ; R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, Wm. Oldham, P. M's.

No. 469. Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie.

W. Bro. W. L. Nichols, W. M.; R. W. Bro. C. F. Farewell, P. M.

No. 471. King Edward VII. Chippewa.

W. Bro. Geo. H. Brown, W. M.

No. 472. Gore Bay, Gore Bay.

Bro. Rev. J. D. Byrens, J. W.

No. 473. The Beaches, Balmy Beach.

W. Bro. J. McP. Ross, W. M., and Bro. G. M. Ritchie, J. W.

No. 474. Victoria, Toronto Junction.

W. Bro. W. J. Sheppard, W. M.

No. 475. Dundurn, Hamilton.

W. Bro. John Hooper, W. M.

No. 476. Corinthian, North Gower.

Bro. B. S. Sheldon, S. W.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from the following brethren: M. W. Bros. J. Ross Robertson, Historian; E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bros. F. J. Howell, Grand Senior Warden; W. N. Ponton D. D. G. M. of Prince Edward District No. 13, and W. D. McPherson and A. E. Dyment, members of the Board of General Purposes.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the gallery of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of proceedings at the last annual communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson and

Resolved, That the minutes of proceedings of Grand Lodge at the 50th Annual Communication, held in the City of Hamilton, on the 19th and 20th days of July, A. D. 1905, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to subordinate lodges, the same be considered as read and be now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several especial communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the minute book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address to the brethren assembled:

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

Our Semi-Centennial year has passed into history, though not forgotten, and we are again assembled, in our fifty-first annual communication, to review the work of the past year, deal with such matters as are brought before us for present action, and prepare for the future, and I extend to you all my sincere and fraternal greetings.

Before going into the record of the year, so far as my part of the work therein is concerned, allow me to say how greatly I appreciate the honor you conferred upon me last year by electing me to the position of Grand Master. The position of Grand Master is the summit of Masonic ambition, and the highest in your gift to bestow, and no one has been able to adequately express his appreciation of it ; and when it comes with such a lavish hand as it came to me you can readily see how hard it is for me to cover the ground with thanks.

I consider the honor the greatest of my life, and if I can only merit your approbation of my efforts to serve you acceptably, it will serve, in a measure, to show my gratitude. It is an office in a body which has no superior amongst human societies : it is an office also of great responsibility, and casts upon the holder the duty of constant vigilance to safeguard, so far as in him lies, the principles of our Order, the Ancient Landmarks and the Constitution by which we are governed.

Our jubilee year closed with a record of unexampled prosperity. I was preceded in this high office, for the last 50 years, by men whom it is very hard to follow, if our record is to be even preserved, if not advanced, and for this reason, if for no other, I have felt the magnitude of the position. My sole object is and shall be the general welfare of the Craft, and in the administration of the office it shall be my constant effort to deal with persons and matters with justice and impartiality and with the one object before stated.

STATE OF THE CRAFT.

The general state of the Craft in the jurisdiction is healthy ; our net membership has increased by about 2,500, making our total membership over 37,000. Our income for the year, to the 31st May last, was \$34,377.19, as against \$33,011.18 last year, showing a net increase of \$1,366.01. This is very gratifying, as our Jubilee year was the largest in our history to that time, evidencing that we are making that progress which we all desire.

There is now, I believe, absolute uniformity in the authorized work throughout the jurisdiction, and the ancient landmarks were never more strictly adhered to than at the present time. Much praise and thanks are due to the District Deputy Grand Masters for their efficient efforts to promote this uniformity, and I, on your behalf, thank them one and all.

There is one matter, however, which is not one for an expression of thankfulness, and one which is difficult of reasonable solution, to do justice to the lodge and to the brethren concerned : I refer to the large accumulation of arrears for dues.

From the statistical information returned by the District Deputy Grand Masters and published in our Annual Proceedings, it would appear we are not making much progress towards better conditions, and I would ask each Worshipful Master to make this question one of prominence during his term of office.

My own opinion is, if you can be assured of any brother's inability to pay his indebtedness, it would be better to remit his arrears and retain his membership. A Mason suspended from his lodge for non-payment is in a very regrettable position : probably from no fault of his, he is ostracized from a society whose associations for good are unquestioned, and it is far more in accordance with our teachings of charity to give him the benefit of the doubt and still call him brother.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Recalling the lives of those who met with us a year ago, and who have passed to a higher life, let us at the threshold of our assembling here to-day pay a tribute to their memory. I have not the full list before me, but the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which will

be before you presently, will give you a list in detail of those who have left us for ever in this life, but I wish to speak of two or three.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, K. C., Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, died on the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1906, after a protracted illness, and at whose funeral I officiated at Kingston on the 26th March, being accompanied by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K. C., M. W. Bro. the Grand Secretary, and many other Grand Lodge members and brethren from the city and surrounding country. M. W. Bro. Walkem was Grand Master for the years 1888-1889, and without detracting from the qualities and virtues of his predecessors and successors, I considered him to have been one of our model Grand Masters. He was a power in Grand Lodge and will be much missed. I caused a circular to be issued to all of the lodges in the jurisdiction, to be read in open lodge.

On the 18th October, 1905, at the request of the lodges at Brockville, I officiated at the funeral services of our late Bro. Hon. Senator Fulford, who lost his life in an automobile accident some days before. Senator Fulford was not well known as a Mason outside of Brockville, his native town, being too busy a man to take an active part in Masonic work. To know him was to respect him, and although he amassed great wealth and by his worldwide advertising of his business, made Canada known over the globe, he was as unostentatious as the poorest of us. His unwearyed efforts and attention to the members of Grand Lodge at Brockville in 1904 are not forgotten.

The lamentably sad news has just arrived announcing the terribly sudden death of W. Bro. Walter Barwick, K. C., Past Master of Ionic Lodge, Toronto, in a railway accident in England, where he had gone on a pleasure trip and in search of better health. His life, as we knew him, was one from which we can be sure he was prepared for His Master's call, no matter how quickly. W. Bro. Barwick attended Grand Lodge meetings some few years ago and urged the establishment of an asylum: no doubt his busy life necessitated his withdrawal from participation in our work. His widow and family have our sympathy in their great bereavement.

There is one other death I wish to speak of, and par-

ticularly for the principal mourner I ask your sympathy; I refer to the death of Mrs. Murray, wife of our beloved M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary. It was not my fortune to have known Mrs. Murray, but I know her husband and know how the stroke affected him. We can well realize how, after many years of conjugal life, her withdrawal to her eternal rest has left his home largely desolate. Her vacant chair at his fireside will ever remind him of the futility of clinging to earthly things. He has mine, and I am sure he has your sincere sympathy in his loss.

IN FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

The following have been reported to me:

Thomas Tweed—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. M. W. Bro. Tweed was born at Kingston and was a member of the Legislative Assembly of the N. W. Territories for 8 years and for a term of years a member of the Executive Council. At the time of his death he was a member of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

John G. Fletcher—Of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas; president of the Board of Control of the Masonic Temple; president of the National Bank; Mayor of the City of Pulaski, and Sheriff of the same county.

R. W. Bro. John Humphreys—Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

George Harold Walker—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Luke A. Lockwood—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

R. W. Bro. John J. Freeman—Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Angus Paterson—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Frank S. Devol—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

John Rennie—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory. M. W. Bro. Rennie was a Canadian and received his three degrees in The Barton Lodge, Hamilton.

Michigan has suffered severely by the loss of six Past Grand Masters, as follows: William Dunham, George

Washington Peck, John W. McGrath, Thomas Reardon (M. W. Bro. Reardon was a Canadian, born at Peterboro in 1848), John W. Finch and William H. Phillips.

Irvine Miller—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

Andrew H. Barkley—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. These two M. W. Bros. were Doctors of Divinity.

Allan McDowell—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

James Edmond Callaway—Past Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Montana. A notable soldier, a brilliant lawyer, and father of the present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the same state, Judge Lewellyn L. Callaway.

Wilbur F. Sanders—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana. He was a Senator of the United States.

Thomas W. Tilden—Past Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Charles Ingleby—Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

Thomas Milburn Reed—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, D. C.

Thomas Ernest Dewey—Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

Henry H. Matthews—M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

The civilized world was shocked by the news of the holocaust which visited some parts of California recently, whereby San Francisco, one of the finest cities in the United States, was practically wiped out of existence by earthquake and fire, and other places in that state similarly visited, rendering hundreds of thousands of people homeless and penniless. Realizing that there must of necessity be large numbers of our Masonic brethren who were sufferers by the calamity, and after consultation with the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, I wrote a letter, of which the following is a copy:

Pembroke, 26th April, 1906.

George W. Hunter, Esq.,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Masons,
Eureka, Cal.

Re San Francisco Casualty.

Most Worshipful Sir :

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, I hereby extend to you, on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity of the Grand Lodge of California and the citizens generally, our sincere sympathy for them in their terrible affliction.

Beyond this message of sympathy I have desired to give some practical evidence of that sympathy, and was consulting some of the executive to that end, when I noticed in the press that your President stated that no outside assistance would be required. Notwithstanding this expression of your Chief Magistrate, which utters an idea of the power of a self-governing and prosperous people, still we feel that it becomes us, as part of the Masonic Fraternity, to be anxious to help in time of need, and I wish to say, if you desire or require aid for your brethren who are suffering, kindly let me know and I will be pleased to send you from our Grand Lodge of Canada a donation of one thousand dollars.

Fraternally yours,

JAS. H. BURRITT,
Grand Master.

In due course I received the following reply from M. W. Bro. Motley H. Flint, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California :

Los Angeles, May 10th, 1906.

Jas. H. Burritt, Esq.,
Grand Master of Masons,
Pembroke, Ontario.

M. W. Sir and Dear Bro.:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind favor of April 25th, transmitted to me through P. G. Master George W. Hunter, of this jurisdiction, and to assure you

that I deeply and sincerely appreciate the generosity of your beloved brethren of your jurisdiction. I have organized relief bureaus at all important points and am endeavoring to keep in touch with the situation wherever relief is needed. We shall have ample work to do for many months to come to take care of our brethren and place them on their feet again. The Grand Jurisdictions of the United States have responded most liberally and I have quite a large relief fund, but, of course, it is not possible at this writing to tell just what is needed, hence if the brethren of your jurisdiction desire to help our jurisdiction I would be pleased to accept from you a donation of one thousand dollars. With assurances of my high regard and deep appreciation of your very kind letter of April 25th. Believe me always,

Yours truly and fraternally,

M. H. FLINT,
Grand Master.

I replied as follows:

M. H. Flint, Esq.,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Masons of California,
Los Angeles.

M. W. Sir and Dear Bro.:

I received your letter of the 10th May, and regret that delay was occasioned by my writing to M. W. Bro. Hunter, whom I supposed was your Grand Master.

I was pleased, although not surprised, to learn from you that the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States had responded most liberally. Having been also advised by you that you had ample work to do for many months to take care of your brethren in distress, and that you would be pleased to accept any donation from the Grand Lodge of Canada, I now take great pleasure in enclosing a cheque from the Grand Lodge of Canada for \$1,000.00, payable to your order, to in a measure aid you in looking after the brethren who have suffered in the terrible catastrophe which fell upon San Francisco and surrounding country, and I also enclose you, on behalf of Civil Service Lodge at Ottawa, in our jurisdiction, a cheque for \$25.00, payable to your order, for the same object. I trust, Most Worshipful Sir, that the G. A. O.

T. U. will so direct the hearts of the brethren throughout this continent that those in distress will be carried past the dark days and soon see the dawn of a new effort on their journey through life.

Fraternally yours,

JAS. H. BURRITT,
Grand Master.

Reply:

Los Angeles, June 12th, 1906.

James H. Burritt, Esq.,
Grand Master of Masons,
Pembroke, Ontario.

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your generous contribution of one thousand dollars by cheque on the Canadian Bank of Commerce, from the Grand Lodge, and also twenty-five dollars by cheque on the Canadian Bank of Commerce from Civil Service Lodge at Ottawa, for which please accept my heartfelt thanks. Immediately following the news of the terrible disaster at San Francisco and neighboring cities, I left for San Francisco and remained there twelve days on relief work. The principal Bureau of Relief was immediately established at Oakland, California, and I am pleased to state that the Executive Committee handling this bureau are men of sterling integrity and did most valiant service.

The Masonic Temple at Oakland was turned into a relief station and some twenty thousand meals served to the destitute, irrespective of whether they were Masons or not. The lower floor of the building was used for sleeping apartments for women and the upper floor for men. Eighteen wagons were engaged in Oakland for the purposes of taking provisions to San Francisco.

Understand, that probably ninety per cent. of the city of San Francisco was burned and wagons were taken across from Oakland on ferry boats and provisions distributed throughout the city, after which the wagons were used to take helpless women and children from the burned districts of San Francisco to places of safety in Oakland. The Masonic fraternity had eight food stations working for a number of days. A general Masonic

Relief Bureau was promptly opened in San Francisco at King Solomon Hall, Filmore street, near Sutter, which was not destroyed by fire. Every action is now being taken to relieve the distressed and render such financial assistance as may be necessary; to provide clothing and underclothing, tools for mechanics, transportation for women and children to their friends and relatives, and, in fact, I believe I can easily state that the Masonic fraternity was the first and foremost in the field for Masonic and general relief.

Rest assured that I, as Grand Master, appreciate your prompt response for aid, and after my work in the assistance of distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans, is over, I intend to transmit to each Grand Jurisdiction, and each Masonic organization, and every individual contributing funds, a full report of the methods adopted and the general relief afforded.

Yours truly and fraternally,

M. H. FLINT,
Grand Master.

The relief of distress is one of the necessities for our fraternal existence, and when a calamity such as has occurred, making hundreds, nay thousands, of our brethren temporarily paupers, all territorial and international boundaries are erased and our hearts of sympathy and means go out to them as brothers of one world-wide Masonic family. The occasion, I think, justified my act on your behalf.

WARRANTS.

I have issued the following warrants during the year:
July 20th, 1906—Tottenham, 467, Tottenham.

..	..	Peel, 468, Caledon East.
..	..	Algoma, 469, Sault Ste. Marie.
..	..	Victoria, 470, Victoria Harbor.
..	..	King Edward VII., 471, Chippewa.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

Gore Bay, Gore Bay (continued by Grand Lodge).

The Beaches, Balmy Beach (continued by Grand Lodge).

Victoria, Toronto Junction (continued by Grand Lodge).

Dundurn, Hamilton (continued by Grand Lodge).

Corinthian, North Gower, dispensation dated 18th July, 1905.

Harding, Woodville, dispensation dated 3rd October, 1905.

Bancroft, Bancroft, dispensation dated 13th November, 1905.

Milverton, Milverton, dispensation dated 10th January, 1906.

Russell, Russell, dispensation dated 16th March (1906).

I was obliged to refuse two petitions for dispensations for new lodges, both of which were reported against by the respective District Deputy Grand Masters, one at Haileybury and one at Dungannon. It appeared apparent in each case that the establishment of a lodge would ruin the prospects of the nearest lodge.

DEDICATIONS.

On the 31st October, 1905, I officiated at the dedication of the new lodge rooms of Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim. A lodge of 68 members, according to last year's returns, that can equip and pay for the premises they presented to me for dedication deserves great praise. The M. W. the Grand Secretary accompanied me.

On the 1st day of November, 1905, I dedicated the Masonic Temple at the City of Chatham for Wellington Lodge, No. 46, and Parthenon Lodge, No. 267. Their premises ought to be, and are, quite in keeping with the evidences of progress in this fine little city. M. W. the Grand Secretary was with me here also, and so far as hospitality went we had nothing to complain of other than that they keep very late hours at their banquets to Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries. I had the pleasure of meeting there a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who added his measure of eloquence in response to a call for him.

On the 27th October, 1905, I dedicated the new lodge rooms for Bonnechere Lodge, Eganville, County of Renfrew, assisted by a large number of the Pembroke brethren and others from the surrounding lodges.

BY-LAWS.

I have approved of the by-laws, including amendments, of 43 lodges. Among those amended, in nearly half of

them, the only amendment was increasing their initiation fee. This is a step in the right direction, so long as the amount is not prohibitive. In most of the by-laws sent me for approval there is a clause providing that any brother 12 months in arrears for dues shall not be entitled to vote at the annual election of officers. I have refused to approve of this. In my opinion, until a member of a lodge has been suspended he is entitled to all the privileges, and there can be no partial disfranchisement.

Under this head, although properly a ruling, where the "order of business" forms part of the by-laws, and as such has the approval of a Grand Master, if it is not therein stated that the Master of the lodge may, from time to time, change the order as he may deem expedient. I rule that such order of business is obligatory and cannot be departed from, any more than any other clause, unless lawfully amended.

DISPENSATIONS.

Since my installation I have issued the large number of 216 dispensations for all sorts and things Masonic. This increase is largely due to the recent amendment of the Constitution in that regard. The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, knowing that many lodges were in the habit of holding many functions under Masonic auspices without a dispensation, thought that the Grand Master should be seized of all the particulars and the kind of function sought to be held, before it was undertaken, and that his dispensation was necessary. This gives the Grand Master a proper supervision of the doings of the craft throughout the jurisdiction. The Board of General Purposes unanimously approved of the provision, as also Grand Lodge, and I think rightly so.

CORNER STONES.

On the 31st July, 1905, the ceremony of laying the corner stone of a Public School building at Rainy River, 17th District, was performed by R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, K. C., P. D. D. G. M., at my request.

On the 5th June, 1906, I officiated at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new Anglican Church building at Micksburg, County Renfrew, accompanied

by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, K. C., and about 40 other Pembroke brethren, meeting on the ground a number from the neighboring lodges. Our services and beautiful ceremony were much appreciated by those assembled.

On the 20th June, 1906, I officiated at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of a new Methodist Church at North Bay, 18th District. There were about 200 Masons present, such a large number being accounted for by the fact that a Lodge of Instruction was to be and was held that same evening in Nipissing lodge room.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

There were 5 Lodges of Instruction held during the year, so far as I have had notice of, as follows:

November 28th, 1905, at Napanee, District No. 14, by Union Lodge No. 9, at which I was present.

January 17th, 1906, at Smith's Falls, District No. 15, by St. Francis Lodge No. 24, at which I was present.

April 13th, 1906, at Guelph, District No. 7, by Speed Lodge No. 180, at which I was present.

On the same day, at Thedford, District No. 2, by Cassia Lodge No. 116, and on the same day at Ottawa, in District No. 16. Being engaged at Guelph, I could not, of course, be at either of the other two.

June 20th, 1906, at North Bay, District No. 18, at which I was present. Every lodge in the district was represented and the three degrees exemplified—1st by Temiscaming lodge, weN Liskeard; 2nd by Sturgeon Falls lodge, and the 3rd by Nipissing lodge, North Bay.

The work was exceedingly well done by all the officers, the floor work being practically beyond criticism. When it is stated that Temiscaming lodge is not three years old and chartered a special train and brought 42 Masons over 100 miles to this meeting, I think great praise is due them for their interest in Masonry, and the example might be copied by some of the older lodges. R. W. Bro. Judge Leask, D. D. G. M., tells me that the lodges in this district have a larger average lodge membership than the average of the lodges in any other district, excepting those embracing cities, and all of them are young lodges. The future of the district is therefore very bright.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren of this jurisdiction have received commissions to represent other jurisdictions near our Grand Lodge upon my recommendation:

Grand Lodge of Victoria—R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Toronto, in the place of R. W. Bro. the Hon. James Sutherland, deceased.

Grand Lodge of Oklahoma—R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell, of Brantford, in the place of R. W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, deceased.

Grand Lodge of Tasmania—R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, of Toronto.

Upon the nomination of their Grand Masters, I caused commissions to be issued to the following brethren to be the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, near their respective Grand Lodges:

Grand Lodge of Tasmania—V. W. Bro. H. J. Wise.

Grand Lodge of Michigan—M. W. Bro. John Rowson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Grand Lodge of Cuba—W. Bro. Jose Vidaurreta, of Havana.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA.

On the 6th April, 1906, I received, through M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary, a request from the Grand Lodge of Alberta, for the fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada, just then newly formed and their Grand Lodge officers installed. The lodges now forming this Grand Jurisdiction formerly belonged to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Though their lodges are comparatively few, they are ambitious, with a great future outlook.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was present, installed their officers and wished them “God Speed.”

A severe but magnificent commentary upon the experience of some other Grand Lodges, when seeking recognition by other Grand Jurisdictions, I would recommend Grand Lodge to accept the request made by the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

RULINGS.

I have given a great many rulings, most of which were consequent upon many of the changes made by the new Constitution.

Most of the opinions written were but plain recitals of the law by which we are governed, which seemed easy to me, as I was on the Committee of Revision, and in many of the cases might have been readily understood if time had been taken to read the law, which would have materially reduced my voluminous correspondence. I am not making a complaint, I replied to all cheerfully, but the point I wish to make is that many who asked questions could not have read the Constitution at all. An hour now and then for a week would have saved them much letter writing.

Learning that some Masters of lodges were in the habit of grouping their candidates for degrees, I was obliged to rule, by means of a circular to the lodges, as follows:

1. In the 1st degree, take them separately up to and inclusive of the charge in the northeast corner.

2. In the 2nd degree, take them separately up to and inclusive of the obligation and the explanation of the altered position of the lights on the altar.

3. In the 3rd degree, take them separately up to and inclusive of the rising "of the bright morning star."

4. That the advancement of any candidates could only be made when the warrant was present, and the conferring of a degree in an adjoining room simultaneously with the working of a degree in the lodge room was illegal and must be discontinued.

GRAND HONORS.

The Constitution being silent as to these, and the book of Ceremonies only partially providing for those entitled, and no distinct ruling by a Grand Master having been given since 1885, and then only partly covering the ground, I issued a ruling to the Masters of the lodges in the jurisdiction, as follows:

For the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters, 9.

For the Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Masters, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, and all other elective officers, past and present, 7.

For all appointed grand officers, past and present, 5.
For all Masters and Past Masters, 3.

For a brother appointed by the Grand Master, to represent him at the constitution of a lodge (and not otherwise entitled by virtue of his office or past office to more), 5.

For all Grand or Past Grand Officers of Foreign Jurisdictions in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Canada, similar honors to those accorded to members of our Grand Lodge, according to degree, by courtesy only.

I have been asked for my permission to allow a petition to be presented to Grand Lodge to confer the Past Master's degree upon a brother who had been Secretary of a lodge for over 40 years, but had never filled a Warden's chair. I advised the brother asking the permission that I could not prevent the presentation of the petition, but that section 28 of the Constitution prohibited Grand Lodge from conferring honorary rank upon any but its own members.

"Its own members," by section 2, are limited to its Grand Officers, its Past Grand Officers, the Past Masters and the Master and Wardens of all lodges on the register for the year. And that I would be obliged to rule the petition out of order.

I ruled that a Masonic procession, with or without regalia, to decorate the graves of deceased brethren, required a dispensation under section 243.

I ruled that a candidate who had such a stiff knee as prevented him from performing what was required of him could not be initiated.

A candidate with one leg 5 inches shorter than the other, I ruled if no metallic appliances were used and he could perform all requirements, yes; otherwise, no. The matter to be left to the Master's discretion as to the required ability of the candidate.

I ruled that a candidate who had lost the first and second joints of the index finger and the first joint of the second finger, both of the right hand, could not be initiated. Shortly, a candidate must be physically capable of performing all the requirements from the Entered Apprentice to the Master degrees, both inclusive.

I have ruled that the several provisions of Section 262

of the Constitution, respecting regalia, etc., must be strictly observed, as it was as obligatory as any other section of the Constitution. I was obliged to issue a circular to the D. D. G. M's in the matter, to be read in the lodges.

Section 185—"No person shall be made a Mason unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he seeks admission, or produces a certificate of character from the lodge nearest the place of his previous residence, with a dispensation granted by the Grand Master." In many of the applications to me for dispensation under this section the certificate mentioned has been signed by the Master and Secretary, with the seal of the lodge attached, without a resolution passed by the lodge. This is not a compliance with the section; it must be a certificate of the lodge, upon motion in the usual way. The Master and Secretary have no authority to issue such a certificate without the authority of the lodge, and the certificate must show the authority on its face. The certificate must also disclose the fact that the applicant has acquired a Masonic residence of 12 continuous months within the jurisdiction of the lodge giving the certificate prior to his removal to the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he applies; in other words, Masonic residence must be established somewhere before a dispensation will be granted.

Notwithstanding frequent legislation for several years past and the efforts in the last consolidation to make it clear in Section 186, the question of "residence" still receives various interpretations by Masters of lodges, and shows that it yet appears to be one difficult of interpretation.

To aid in simplifying the question, I may say I have ruled several times during the year, and still rule, that every person capable of applying for admission into Masonry must have 12 months continuous residence within the jurisdiction of some lodge in the jurisdiction, to first qualify him, called a Masonic residence; that established, he may apply to that lodge; if he does not, and removes to the jurisdiction of another lodge, he may apply there, although not resident there for 12 months, if he procures a certificate of character from the lodge in whose jurisdiction he has last acquired such Masonic residence, and a dispensation from the Grand Master.

THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA VS. KING
EDWARD LODGE NO. 464, G. R. C.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia in May, 1905, laid a complaint with our Grand Secretary against King Edward Lodge, No. 464, G. R. C., for initiating one Robert M. Reid, who, British Columbia claimed, resided within their jurisdiction.

I appointed R. W. Bros. W. D. McPherson, chairman, W. Geo. Eakins and R. E. Wood, P. D. D. G. M., a commission to investigate the complaint and to make a finding, with power to take evidence in British Columbia, if necessary.

The Commission sat at Sunderland, where said King Edward Lodge is located, after one notice of said sitting had been sent to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and after the Grand Master of British Columbia had been asked to nominate some suitable member of the craft in British Columbia, whom the Commission might appoint to take such evidence there as might be deemed advisable, under instructions from the Commission, supplemented by any instructions which the M. W. the Grand Master of British Columbia might wish to give.

Evidence was taken by the Commission, including that of Robert M. Reid, the applicant, and the Commission unanimously reported to me that King Edward Lodge acted in perfect good faith and did not in any way exceed their authority under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and that the brethren who recommended Mr. Reid for initiation did so in the full belief that he was a bona fide resident of the jurisdiction of King Edward Lodge, and upon the evidence the Commission thought they were so justified in concluding. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia were not represented at this, the only sitting. The evidence taken was shortly as follows:

Application in the usual old form (then legal), 16th December, 1904, applicant an unmarried man, born and brought up at Sunderland, father dead, mother lives there. Mr. Reid swore that Sunderland was his home, that all his belongings were there. In October, 1903, he left Sunderland in the employ of the Canadian Pacific

Railway Company as a telegraph operator and went to Wardner, B. C., where he remained one month; was then removed to Sidar, B. C., remaining there two and one-half months; then removed to Cranbrook, where he remained two months; then removed to Fernie, B. C., where he remained nearly nine months, or until the 8th December, 1904, when he came back to Sunderland, in all a period of a little over fourteen months; that when he came home he brought with him everything he had taken to British Columbia. There were seven members of King Edward Lodge who gave evidence all corroborative of Mr. Reid's evidence as to his birthplace and residence at Sunderland. Some of these witnesses who had taken part in the initiation state that they did not know Mr. Reid was in British Columbia and they all thought his long residence at Sunderland satisfied our Constitution.

The report of the Commission further states that on the 31st of August, 1905, a copy of the testimony of Bro. Reid was forwarded to R. W. the Grand Secretary of British Columbia with a request to see whether the expense of taking further testimony in B. C. might not be dispensed with, and on the 7th September, 1905, a reply was received. The writer of the letter says, "after perusing the evidence given by Bro. Reid I quite agree that he has admitted all that is necessary to prove our contention. I accordingly wired W. Bro. Ross not to proceed under the Commission."

When I received the report of the Commission and the evidence, and after perusing the same, not knowing the purport of the letter of the Chairman of the Commission to the Grand Secretary of B. C., and feeling that an injustice might be done the Grand Lodge of B. C. in not giving them an opportunity of holding an investigation and contradicting Bro. Reid's evidence as to the different places he was in in B. C. and for what periods, I instructed M. W. Bro. Murray, Grand Secretary, to write the Grand Secretary of B. C. that I desired to give them an opportunity to say whether Bro. Reid's evidence is correct or not and to send him (the Grand Secretary of B. C.) a copy of Bro. Reid's evidence, and that it would be only right that our Grand Lodge should pay the expenses of such investigation. The Grand Secretary of

B. C. sent two letters, neither disputing, but corroborating Mr. Reid's version of his stay in British Columbia; the crucial part of said letter is contained in the following statement:

"Our contention is that Bro. Reid was in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge for twelve months, and I am unable to see, in the face of Section 213 of your Constitution, how King Edward Lodge can claim that he was still within their jurisdiction. The mere statement that he may not have been within the jurisdiction of Elk River Lodge, Fernie, B. C., for twelve months does not, to my mind, alter the case so far as the Grand Lodge of Canada is concerned, as our view is that they certainly have no claim on him after twelve months of absence from Ontario."

The facts being admitted, and Bro. Reid declaring he did not leave Sunderland permanently, the case resolves itself into a question of law.

Bro. Reid whilst in British Columbia did not acquire a Masonic residence of twelve months at any of the places where he was placed by his employers; whether there was a lodge at any of the places except Fernie is not stated. There is a lodge at Fernie where he was stationed for nine months, three months short of the requirements of Section 213 of the old Constitution, now Section 185.

I have been disposed to rule that every person must have a Masonic residence somewhere, and that having acquired such by a residence of 12 months within the jurisdiction of a lodge (a subordinate lodge), that jurisdiction remains until it has been divested by a new residence of at least 12 months within the jurisdiction of another lodge or a certificate of character and dispensation. In this view Bro. Reid acquired a Masonic residence at Sunderland, within the jurisdiction of King Edward Lodge, and not having a subsequent continuous residence of 12 months, either at Wardner, Sidar, Cranbrook or Fernie, Sunderland would still be his residence for the purposes of Section 185. We, of course, are legislating for our own material Masonically resident within our own jurisdiction and until they have divested themselves of that Masonic residence.

It is contended by British Columbia that Bro. Reid

having resided more than 12 months out of Ontario, and in British Columbia, this Grand Lodge has lost jurisdiction.

I admit if Bro. Reid had acquired a continuous Masonic residence of 12 months within the jurisdiction of any subordinate lodge in British Columbia, he might be claimed on the supposition that their law is based upon the same requirements as ours, and we could not in justice to them demand a longer residence for our material there than we required for a residence here.

Under the facts of the case my inclination has been to rule that Bro. Reid not being in a position to seek membership in any lodge in British Columbia, belongs to our jurisdiction. But different views on this subject of residence have been expressed by some of my predecessors, and probably there is no question which gives rise to greater diversity of opinion and ruling.

It is, of course, desirable that there should, as far as possible, be consistency between rulings, as well as continuity of policy in matters like this of a Constitutional nature, and though the report of the Commission on the facts cannot be disputed, and though also I have been disposed to concur with their conclusions, it may be well to treat the matter as still open and to continue the correspondence with a view to avoiding misunderstandings with our sister jurisdiction, and such is my intention.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS.

W. Bro. J. Jones vs. R. W. Bro. John Watson, W. M. of Stevenson Lodge No. 218, and certain other officers of said lodge.

This was a complaint by W. Bro. Jones, Immediate Past Master of Stevenson Lodge No. 218, Toronto, against R. W. Bro. John Watson, W. Master of said lodge, and certain of his officers, for irregularities and illegal acts. Upon receiving the complaint, and considering it of sufficient importance and gravity, I appointed a Commission to investigate and report to me the facts.

The Commission was composed of M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone; R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. District 11a; R. W. Bro. E. C. Carleton, D. D. G. M. District 11; R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, P. D. D. G. M.,

barrister, Toronto, and R. W. Bro. E. B. Brown, P. D. D. G. M., barrister, Toronto.

The Commission have reported to me their findings of fact and I have given my ruling, judgment and recommendations, and the brethren have appealed against my judgment. The case, therefore, has gone before the Committee of Grievances and Appeals, who will shortly report the whole matter to you. I leave it in your hands.

Petrolea Lodge No. 194 vs. W. Bro. John Read, of Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolea.

This is a complaint made by Petrolea Lodge No. 194 against W. Bro. John Read, Worshipful Master of Washington Lodge No. 260, Petrolea, for initiating a candidate contrary to the Constitution.

I considered the charge of such gravity as to justify an investigation, and I appointed a Commission composed of R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, D. D. G. M. District No. 2, and R. W. Bros. Judge McWatt and Alex. Saunders, P. D. D. G. M's, to take the evidence and report their findings of fact, which they have done and upon which I suspended W. Bro. Read until this Communication of Grand Lodge. W. Bro. Read has appealed against my judgment and the papers have gone before the Committee of Grievances and Appeals, who will report to you. I also leave the matter in your hands.

R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. District No. 111a vs. W. Bro. Cairns, W. Master of Orient Lodge, No. 32^o, Toronto.

The complaint against W. Bro. Cairns was for issuing a memorandum book containing a portrait of himself in Masonic regalia and distributing a large quantity thereof to Masons and others, contrary to the "rules respecting Masonic offences"; also for issuing a post card with his name and business on one side, and on the other side, printed matter, headed "A tramp's own ritual," claimed to be a Masonic offence, coming under the head of "contemptuous expressions regarding Masonry"; also for allowing his portrait, with Masonic regalia, to be published in the directory of the A. O. U. W. society.

I appointed R. W. Bros. E. B. Brown, J. J. Thompson and E. J. B. Duncan, P. D. D. G. M's, a Commission to take the evidence and report their findings of fact to me. They did so, but acquitted the accused upon the third

charge, as such publication in said directory was done without his knowledge, and found him guilty upon the other charges. I adjudged a severe reprimand, which was given at my request, by the R. W. Bro. the Deputy Grand Master in Orient Lodge at one of its regular meetings. Out of consideration for W. Bro. Cairns, I regret exceedingly having to make this matter public; he did these things in ignorance, although he defended the case before the Commission, but as the points involved can only be emphasized and made public here, I wish to say that Masonry occupies a much higher plane than the one W. Bro. Cairns has placed it on by his acts. The Grand Lodge of Canada is very jealous of the principles upon which it is founded, and for its good name, cannot allow any brother found guilty of such offences to go unpunished.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I received many more invitations than I could possibly accept. When you consider the large and magnificent distances embraced by our jurisdiction and are told that I have travelled over 12,000 miles on Masonic work, besides a correspondence of over 1,200 letters from my office on the same work, you will readily realize that I have been busy. I need not take up your time detailing each visit. There are a few, however, of which I desire to give you a short account.

On the 21st November, 1905, I visited St. George's Lodge, No. 10, Quebec Register, Montreal, the occasion being a Past Masters' night, with M. W. Bro. Col. A. A. Stevenson in the chair, when he conferred the 3rd degree in a manner quite on all fours with the perfectness with which he does any work in our Grand Lodge Communications assigned to him. St. George's Lodge was one of the 41 lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of Canada 51 years ago.

I was treated right royally and was presented with a medal commemorative of their 75th anniversary.

On the 4th April, 1906, the three lodges of Belleville tendered me a reception. I mention this as it was unique in my experience. They did not offer me any degree work, but papers upon Masonic subjects were read, resulting in a lodge room talk, eliciting much useful infor-

mation. Many of the lodges in this and contiguous districts were represented, and with such a capital lead the speeches at the subsequent banquet were of a somewhat higher type, from a literary standpoint, than is usual at such functions. The paper by the Senior Warden (Mathematical Master in the Belleville Collegiate Institute) on "Masonry and the Magic Square," and the "Symbolism of Masonic Numbers," was a scholarly production. R. W. Bro. Col. Ponton, D. D. G. M. of District No. 13, was responsible for this delightful evening. I am sorry he is not with us to-day, having gone to London, Eng., as a representative of the Belleville Board of Trade, to the Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the World.

On the 1st and 2nd of May, 1906, upon invitation I visited the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Allen, or rather, I found him there, he being practically ubiquitous. The extreme pleasure of our meeting there was, I think, mutual.

The first evening was taken up as follows: Dinner at the Cafe Martin, 5th avenue, where I had the honor of meeting the M. W. the Grand Masters and many Past Grand Masters of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, also R. W. Bro. Alton D. Parker, P. D. D. G. M., New York, Chairman of the Commission of Appeals, and the gentleman who opposed President Roosevelt at the last election.

As we still lived after this feast, we were escorted to Madison Square Garden, where a benefit entertainment was to be given to raise funds for the erection of a monument to Daniel D. Tompkins, in his lifetime Governor of the State of New York, Vice-President of the United States, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, a very wealthy man, who sacrificed his fortune in the service of his country and died a pauper because of his lavish and generous hand, and for which no compensation was made until years after he and his wife had left this earth for a place where good deeds are requited.

M. W. Bro. Sutherland, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and one of our Past Grand Masters as well (now beside me) was selected by his Mother Grand Lodge to deliver the oration of the even-

ing to the vast multitude. The incident in question was during the troublesome times of 1812-13, and one present, shutting his eyes to the history of that and the subsequent period, and not knowing where M. W. Bro. Sutherland hailed from, would, judging from his magnificent address, come to the conclusion that Great Britain had transported one of their patriotic orators of that early period to tell the Government of the United States how remiss they were of proper treatment of a man who lost his millions and went to his grave a pauper and in seeming disgrace solely for his country. I was proud of M. W. Bro. Sutherland for uttering absolute and impartial justice upon the sad drama of that day. To do the greatest honor to M. W. Bro. Allen and your Grand Master we were introduced last, and entered that vast arena (properly announced) between four files, composed of the members of the Grand Lodge of New York, about 2,000 strong, when a band struck up "God Save the King," and the immense audience of about 11,000 people rose to their feet and fairly took us off our feet by their welcome. On the stage were about 500 voices of the Festival Chorus Society of New York, about 60 pieces in the orchestra, and the Grand Lodge officers of the different Grand Jurisdictions stated. The entertainment proceeded in a manner as only New York Masons can produce.

The next day M. W. Bro. Allen and myself were received by the Grand Lodge of New York in session. I was pleased by the persistence of M. W. Bro. Sutherland in his insistence to present your representatives to his Mother Grand Lodge, putting their Grand Marshal (a very important officer) in the background for the occasion.

On your behalf I invited these several Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters in a body to visit us at this Communication, and would have been delighted to have them with us.

On the 10th July, inst., I attended a Special Jubilee Communication of St. George's Lodge, Montreal, the occasion being to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Masonic birth of M. W. Bro. Stevenson, who first saw light in St. George's Lodge on the 16th day of July, A. D. 1856. I could not miss that meeting; I would not

if I could, and you can feebly realize the unbounded enthusiasm exhibited.

The life commemorated was sufficient in all conscience to satisfy the greatest Masonic gourmand; but when you add to it the announcement made that after 30 years of weary waiting the Grand Lodge of Quebec had just received the fraternal recognition of the Parent Grand Lodge of England, you can well understand the great rejoicing, and which was the only thing left necessary to complete the happiness of the guest of the afternoon near the sunset of his Masonic and earthly career.

Our splendid friend and brother is with us to-day, as he always is; he is fully entitled to all the love we bestow upon him, and although he is within sound of my voice I am compelled to tell him for you, he is a splendid man and Mason and has wound himself around our hearts. May he be spared for many years to be of further use and example to all of us. He fought manfully and ably for the Grand Lodge of Canada in its struggling times, and I am glad to say he still lives to see the full fruition of his unwearied efforts on our behalf and of the Grand Jurisdiction in which he now resides.

It seems fitting to me, with the assurance of your hearty endorsements, that some act of Grand Lodge should mark our congratulations to M. W. Bro. Colonel Stevenson upon his attainment of a term of Masonic years, only one short of the life of our Grand Lodge, and I have caused a medal to be struck for presentation to our Most Worshipful Brother. The die used is the one from which the Semi-Centennial Medal of Grand Lodge was struck last year, with an appropriate inscription on one side commemorative of the occasion, to be presented to the Most Worshipful Brother after the reading of this address.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

As this is one of the Masonic matters near my heart, because it is your behest, I place it last, in the hope that my words will remain freshest in your memories and bear good fruit.

To M. W. Bro. Harding is to be given the credit for suggesting in his address of 1903 the propriety of raising \$100,000, first, to mark the semi-centennial of the forma-

tion of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1905, and second, to utilize the income derived therefrom for the relief of distress. There was received up to the 31st May, 1904, just preceding our meeting at Brockville, the sum of \$2,438.69. At the Brockville meeting, by a unanimous vote, Grand Lodge committed itself to the raising of this fund, the time to be extended for three years, from the 1st of July, 1904, and decided that the fund should be invested and the income therefrom to be expended in benevolence, as the other funds devoted to that purpose were distributed. At Hamilton in 1905, the fund, with interest, had increased to \$21,000, or slightly over 20 per cent. of the required amount, leaving \$79,000.00 to be raised in two years from the last mentioned date. At the meeting in Hamilton last year the Committee on Benevolence recommended an increase from \$100 to \$150, and from \$40 to \$50 on interim grants, which Grand Lodge approved of, and the result is the expenditure for ordinary benevolence this year is in excess of the expenditure last year by \$3,000 or thereabouts.

Our capital account last year stood at \$116,000 in round numbers, this year \$111,000 in round numbers, showing an impairment of capital account almost entirely for benevolent purposes. If this is continued in a comparatively short period of time our capital account will be done if this amount is not raised, from the income of which we can save the capital account to the extent of such income.

The relief of distress really belongs to the lodges, but Grand Lodge having taken it up some years ago, must continue the work. Should our capital account become exhausted, it would only remain for Grand Lodge to increase her per capita tax upon the members of the lodges to raise the necessary funds for benevolence and ordinary expenditure. It is not good housekeeping to spend your last dollar. Although our membership is increasing, the calls for aid are also increasing relatively, and I know that in many cases the amounts granted are mere pitances in comparison with actual necessities.

There are three reasons why we are asking you for this money, any one of them being sufficient: 1st, it is meet and fitting for us to give of our substance to the G. A. O. T. U. in part recognition of the bounties bestowed upon us during the last 50 years, and so mark that period by a

benevolent fund; 2nd, the honor of Grand Lodge is at stake. You committed it to the task of raising this fund and it was so published to the Masonic world; we therefore cannot afford to have to declare it a failure; 3rd, this is the first time Grand Lodge has asked the individual Mason to embrace the opportunity of carrying out that promise made by him at the northeast corner of the lodge. The money is urgently needed; the income on twice that sum could easily be distributed, and yet leave needy cases unprovided for. I would then ask you, in all earnestness, to rise to the task and maintain the splendid name the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario has already earned and has received from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions over the world.

The fund, with interest, now amounts to \$30,389.29, leaving about \$69,000.00 to be raised by the 1st of July, 1907. It is easily done if you get the proper machinery at work.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

I have been overwhelmed with courtesies and most loyal support during the past year, evidencing the great fealty of the Craft towards their Grand Master. I cannot refer to one tithe of the kind things that have been said and kind acts done. This is Masonry, and I can fervently say, "God bless you all."

I have had to perform some executive acts which have been exceedingly painful to me, but which I considered it my duty to do.

Upon me, during the interim between your Annual Communication, has been cast the duty, as your Grand Master, of safe-guarding the principles of the Order, and seeing that the Constitution is strictly observed. When I took my obligation at your altar I promised to do this, and I have striven to do it, but always in the hope that those affected would see it through my eyes and sympathise with me in the effort to do what I thought was right.

If the Constitution is once allowed to be broken the door is open for further irregularities, and the result would be chaos and the Grand Master cease to be a ruler. Better be seemingly severe in love than weak because of false sympathy.

Just one closing word of thanks to those Grand Lodge officers who have been all kindness and of much assist-

ance to me. More especially do I owe the utmost gratefulness to your most efficient Grand Secretary. He is not only capable, but prompt and unwearying in his desire to make my work light.

I trust our deliberations will be conducted on business lines and with that love and harmony which should at all times characterize Freemasons, and I hope that we shall be spared to meet once more, one year hence, at our next Annual Communication.

JAS. H. BURRITT,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The Grand Master named as such committee M. W. Bros. W. R. Whyte, Hon. J. K. Kerr and Benj. Allen.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master then called upon M. W. Bro. the Hon. Senator J. K. Kerr to make the presentation to Most W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson on his attainment of a term of fifty years as a Mason.

PRESENTATION.

M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Past Grand Master, said:

I am grateful to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for having called upon me to make this presentation on behalf of this Grand Lodge, and I appreciate the kindness of the brethren in allowing me to be their spokesman on account of my intimate association with M. W. Bro. Stevenson, dating back to the time I became a member of Grand Lodge more than 40 years ago. After referring to the fact that M. W. Bro. Stevenson was initiated into Masonry in St. George Lodge, Montreal, then within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, 50 years ago, he proceeded: We unite in extending to him our sincere congratulations upon having attained to his jubilee—his fifty years—as a Mason. During all those years M. W. Bro. Stevenson has been a prominent figure. As a citizen of Montreal he has been forward in every good work for the advancement of that city and community in which he has resided and has done much towards making the city of Montreal the beautiful as well as the busy, the attractive, as well as the prosperous place which, as the metropolis—the metropolitan city of Canada—it has held for years.

As a Canadian, by his voice and the active part he has taken in public affairs, he has contributed much towards the up-building of a sound national sentiment befitting the advanced position which Canada has been steadily and rapidly taking up as an important part of the British empire, to which we are all so proud to belong.

As a Mason it has been M. W. Bro. Stevenson's privilege to help greatly in bringing up our Grand Lodge, from the days of small beginnings to its present magnificent proportions, and in diffusing the benefits and privileges of Freemasonry throughout our jurisdiction and even beyond those limits.

On the 9th July, 1868, at the city of London, Bro. Stevenson was elected Grand Master, and during the thirty-eight years which have since intervened he has been a prominent figure at all the communications of our Grand Lodge, taking his share of the work and discharging it with fervency and zeal as well as with marked ability. I might almost say that no annual meeting of Grand Lodge would be complete without his presence, where his sound judgment, his profound mastery of the great principles of our order, his timely advice and his good judgment help to make our gathering instructive and useful as well as enjoyable to all who are privileged to meet and hear him there. It is his great privilege to enjoy the confidence and affection of all with whom he comes in contact, and his disposition and nature is such that he rejoices in being helpful to all about him. What a delightful review—I had almost said reverie—it must be to him when he recalls the innumerable acts of kindness which he has been privileged to do for his brethren chiefly, and for many without the pale of Freemasonry, during the years of his well-spent life, the helping hand so often extended, the cheery word so often spoken, the friendly warning so often given, the good, the truly good, the altogether good so often done. As we dwell upon it we are impelled to resolve that we would strive to be more like him.

Last year this Grand Lodge celebrated its jubilee of fifty years, this year we celebrate the Masonic jubilee of our oldest living Past Master, the grand old man of the Grand Lodge of Canada. We congratulate him upon attaining his jubilee, and we venture to hope and breathe the prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe may

spare him for many many years of usefulness and honor, and that we may enjoy the privilege, the great privilege of meeting him at our Annual Communications and other assemblies during many years to come.

M. W. Bro. Stevenson, as the next oldest surviving Past Grand Master, I am delegated by the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge, to present you with this double jubilee medal. It commemorates your Masonic jubilee year as well as the jubilee year of our Grand Lodge. When you wear it may it serve to remind you of the many warm hearts of the many true friends you have made during the fifty years you have served the Craft, and as your brethren see it on your breast they will recall the many acts of kindness you have done for the brethren, the many services you have rendered the Craft, and they will think, if they do not say, God bless you. (Applause.)

M. W. Bro. Stevenson, upon stepping forward to accept the medal from the hands of M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, did so with tear-dimmed eyes. He referred feelingly to his long connection with the Craft, and he said that the brethren had been too good to him. If he had to begin life over again he would not wait until he was twenty-seven, but he would petition for admission to a lodge just one minute after he had attained the necessary age. (Applause.)

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—

I beg leave to present to Grand Lodge my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me and paid to the Grand Treasurer during the year ending 31st May, 1906. Also a summary of the expenditure for the year with ledger balances to the 31st May, 1906, and returns of subordinate lodges as at the 24th June, 1906, with, by instruction of the M. W. Grand Master, a record of dispensations issued, By-laws and amendments thereto approved, and other official acts of the M. W. Grand Master.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Certificates.....	\$ 4,694 00
Dues	16,758 10
Fees.....	5,210 75
Dispensations.....	445 00
Warrants	50 00
Constitutions, etc.....	1,042 28
Commutation of dues.....	825 00
Miscellaneous	531 15
Interest on Debentures and Bank Account as follows:	
Brockville debentures, \$3,000 at 4 per cent	\$120 00
Woodstock debentures, \$7,000 at 6 per cent	420 00
Central Canada Loan and Savings, \$15,000 at 4 per cent	600 00
Central Canada Loan and Savings, \$15,000 5 years in advance, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent	93 75
Canada Permanent and Western Canada, \$10,000 at 4 per cent.....	400 00
Canada Permanent Loan and Savings, \$10,000 at 4 per cent.....	400 00
Landed Banking and Loan Co., \$15,000 at 4 per cent.....	600 00
Canada Savings and Loan Co., \$5,000 at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.....	206 24
Ontario Loan and Debenture Co., \$5,000 at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.....	206 25
Hamilton Provident and Loan Co., \$15,000 at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.....	618 75
Brantford debentures, \$8,000.00 at 4%	320 00
St. Thomas " 1,538.12 "	61 52
St. Thomas " 1,599.64 "	63 99
St Thomas " 1,633.63 "	66 55
St. Thomas " 1,730.17 "	69 21
St. Thomas " 1,799.38 "	71 98
St. Thomas " 1,871.35 "	74 85
St. Thomas " 1,946 35 "	77 85
Toronto " 2,433.33 "	170 32
Interest on deposit in bank	179 65
	4,820 91
Total	\$34,377 19

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER.

1905.

June	14	Deposit	\$ 223 25
"	21	"	424 00
"	23	"	196 75
"	24	"	487 88
"	26	"	566 50
"	27	"	706 25
"	29	"	1,115 37
"	30	"	1,116 75
"	30	"	727 00
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			\$5,563 75
July	3	"	392 25
"	3	"	931 11
"	4	"	993 75
"	6	"	1,293 75
"	7	"	587 50
"	8	"	425 50
"	11	"	775 50
"	12	"	478 75
"	13	"	703 25
"	14	"	435 25
"	15	"	248 85
"	22	"	1,552 40
"	26	"	231 35
"	31	"	117 00
			—————
			9,166 21
Aug.	17	"	184 25
"	31	"	213 00
			—————
			397 25
Sept.	21	"	310 75
"	31	"	143 50
			—————
			454 25
Oct.	3	"	577 13
"	17	"	317 10
"	30	"	362 75
			—————
			1,256 98
Nov.	1	"	815 62
"	13	"	71 25
"	30	"	118 55
			—————
			1,005 42
Dec.	1	"	126 12
"	16	"	322 25
"	20	"	67 50
"	28	"	1,367 66
"	29	"	775 55
"	30	"	392 00
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			3,051 08

1906.						
Jan.	3	Deposit	613	25	
"	4	"	345	25	
"	6	"	662	75	
"	9	"	633	25	
"	10	"	700	00	
"	13	"	809	50	
"	15	"	909	75	
"	17	"	.....	60	00	
"	17	"	.....	835	15	
"	18	"	.....	153	60	
"	22	"	.....	435	25	
"	26	"	.....	506	06	
"	29	"	.....	95	00	
"	29	"	.....	298	22	
						7,057 03
Feb.	2	"	.....	110	84	
"	2	"	.....	442	25	
"	8	"	.....	223	75	
"	13	"	.....	511	00	
"	15	"	.....	279	60	
"	19	"	.....	247	91	
"	24	"	.....	250	75	
"	27	"	.....	274	25	
"	28	"	.....	16	00	
						2,356 35
Mar.	3	"	.....	249	00	
"	10	"	.....	440	45	
"	14	"	.....	96	50	
"	23	"	.....	872	55	
"	31	"	.....	21	50	
						1,680 00
Apr.	10	"	.....	192	90	
"	17	"	.....	439	00	
"	25	"	.....	149	00	
"	30	"	.....	22	50	
						803 40
May	2	"	.....	712	50	
"	17	"	.....	356	25	
"	28	"	.....	448	62	
"	30	"	.....	7	00	
"	31	"	.....	61	10	
						1,585 47
		Total	.....			\$34,377 19

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

For the year ending 31st May, 1906.

Salary of Grand Secretary, one year, to March 31st, 1906.....	\$ 2,000 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer, one year, to March 31st, 1906.....	200 00
Salary of Auditor, one year and three-quarters, to March 31, 1906.....	525 00
Salaries of office staff, one year, to May 31, 1906.	1,799 63
Incidental expenses, Grand Secretary's office.....	1,148 11
Printing and Stationery.....	3717 63
Copp, Clark Co., Certificates and Warrants	1,184 35
Bell Telephone Co	57 00
Insurance	70 30
Toronto General Trust Co., safety deposit box.....	25 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent.....	460 00
Office Furniture.....	215 60
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at Hamilton.....	1,387 40
Expenses of Committees and Delegates	118 29
Rolph, Clark & Co., Semi-Centennial Medals.....	715 78
M. W. Bro. H. Robertson, Report on Foreign Correspondence.....	150 00
Chairman Benevolent Committee, postage, etc.....	15 00
J. B. Nixon, Investigating Benevolent Grants	800 00
Testimonial to M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen	300 00
Balance travelling expenses M. W. Bro. Allen.....	55 00
On account travelling expenses M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt	400 00
Expenses for funeral wreaths, etc	58 00
Springfield Lodge No. 259, reimbursement for jewels....	25 00
Masonic Relief Association, membership in.....	163 54
Grand Master of California, contribution to Earthquake and Fire Relief Fund	1,000 00
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Total general charges	\$16,591 63
Grants for Benevolence.....	22,110 00
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	\$38,710 63

LIST OF DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

DATE	NO.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
June 17, 1905	96	Corinthian	Barrie	Divine service.
" 17, "	385	Spry	Beeton	Divine service.
" 17, "	230	Kerr	Barrie	Divine service.
" 23, "	107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	Divine service.
" 23, "	135	St. Clair	Milton	Divine service.
" 26, "	45	Brant	Brantford	To install officers.
" 26, "	15	St. George's	St. Catharines	Divine service.
" 26, "	447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	Divine service.
" 27, "	464	King Edward	Sunderland	Divine service.
" 29, "	186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	Divine service.
" 30, "	193	Scotland	Scotland	Divine service.
" 30, "	125	Cornwall	Cornwall	Divine service.
" 30, "	256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	Divine service.
" 30, "	142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	Divine service.
" 30, "	143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	Divine service.
" 30, "	459	Cobden	Cobden	Divine service.
" 30, "	128	Pembroke	Pembroke	Divine service.
" 30, "	63	St. John's	Carleton Place	Divine service.
" 30, "	122	Renfrew	Renfrew	Divine service.
" 4,	352	Granite	Parry Sound	Divine service.
July 4,	423	Strong	Sundridge	Divine service.
" 4,	454	Corona	Burk's Falls	Divine service.
" 4,	376	Unity	Huntsville	Divine service.
" 4,	5	Sussex	Brockville	Divine service.

DISPENSATIONS- Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	For WHAT GRANTED
July 4, 1905	870	Harmony	Delta	Divine service.
.. 5, "	155	Merrickville	Merrickville	Divine service.
.. 5, "	435	Havelock	Havelock	Divine service.
.. 6, "	456	Elma	Monkton	Divine service.
.. 6, "	302	St. David's	St. Thomas	Divine service.
.. 6, "	388	Henderson	Ilderton	Divine service.
.. 6, "	232	Cameron	Dutton	Divine service.
.. 6, "	44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Divine service.
.. 6, "	420	Nipissing	North Bay	Divine service.
.. 7, "	458	Wales	Wales	Divine service.
.. 7, "	43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	Divine service.
.. 7, "	455	Doric	Little Current	To install officers.
.. 7, "	236	Manitoba	Cookstown	Divine service.
.. 8, "	234	Beaver	Clarksbury	Divine service.
.. 11, "	32	Amity	Dunnville	Divine service.
.. 11, "	221	Mountain	Thorold	Divine service.
.. 11, "	254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	Divine service.
.. 11, "	373	Copestone	Welland	Divine service.
.. 11, "	402	Central	Essex	Divine service.
.. 11, "	255	Sydenham	Dresden	Divine service.
.. 11, "	395	Parvain	Comber	Divine service.
.. 11, "	312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	Divine service.
.. 11, "	391	Howard	Ridgetown	Divine service.
.. 11, "	274	Kent	Blenheim	Divine service.
.. 11, "	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	Divine service.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	NO.	WHERE HELD	NAME OF LODGE	FOR WHAT GRANTED
July 11, 1905	415	Fort William	Fort William	Divine service.
" 11,	414	Pequonga	Kenora	Divine service.
" 15,	69	Stirling	Stirling	To install officers.
" 15,	120	Warren	Fingal	Divine service.
" 20,	300	Mt. Olivet	Thordale	Divine service.
" 20,	84	Clinton	Clinton	To install officers.
" 22,	290	Leamington	Leamington	Divine service.
" 31,	122	Renfrew	Renfrew	To hold a picnic.
Aug. 8,	90	Manito	Collingwood	To hold an excursion.
" 8,	431	Moravian	Eden Grove	To install officers.
" 11,	314	Dufferin	Melbourne	Divine service.
" 11,	260	Washington	Petrolia	Divine service.
" 12,	33	Maitland	Goderich	Divine service.
" 17,	61	Acacia	Hamilton	To hold an At Home.
" 17,	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	To decorate graves.
" 21,	304	Minerva	Stroud	Divine service.
" 22,	344	Merrill	Dorchester	Divine service.
" 22,	295	Conestogo	Drayton	Divine service.
Sept. 14,	272	Seymour	Ancaster	Divine service.
" 16,	159	Goodwood	Richmond	Divine service.
" 16,	263	Forest	Forest	Divine service.
" 28,	292	Robertson	King	Divine service.
" 29,	376	Unity	Huntsville	To elect officers.
" 29,	357	Waterdown	Millgrove	Divine service.
" 30,	43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	To initiate within time limit.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	NO.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Oct.	2, 1905	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	Divine service.
" 5,	291	Henderson	Illderton	To initiate within time limit.
" 11,	383	Lancaster	Lancaster	To install officers.
" 11,	207	Central	Prescott	To hold an At Home.
" 12,	110	Union	Napanee	To initiate within time limit.
" 12,	9	Valley	Dundas	Divine service.
" 12,	100	St. George's	Owen Sound	To hold an At Home.
" 12,	88	St. John's	Carleton Place	To hold an At Home.
" 16,	63	Mattawa	Mattawa	To elect officers.
" 23,	405	Mattawa	Mattawa	To install officers.
" 23,	405	Doric	Toronto	To visit Wash Lodge, Buffalo
" 24,	316	Speed	Guelph	Divine service.
" 27,	180	Bonnechere	Eganville	To hold an At Home.
" 31,	433	Evergreen	Lanark	To install officers.
" 31,	209	St. George's	Toronto	To hold an At Home.
" 31,	367	Star in the East	Wellington	Divine service.
" 31,	164	Maxville	Maxville	To hold an At Home.
" 3,	418	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	To hold an At Home.
" 9,	166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Divine service.
" 10,	116	Richardson	Stouffville	Divine service.
" 13,	136	Zeta	Toronto	To hold an At Home.
" 15,	410	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	To hold an At Home.
" 16,	412	Dymont	Thessalon	Divine service.
" 21,	442	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	Divine service.
" 21,	U. D.	Shuniah	Port Arthur	To hold an At Home.
" 23,	287			

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	NO.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Nov. 23, 1905	279	New Hope	Hespeler	To hold an At Home.
" 25,	464	King Edward	Sunderland	To hold an At Home.
" 27,	320	Chesterville	Chesterville	To initiate within time limit.
" 29,	" 76	Oxford	Woodstock	To initiate within time limit.
Dec. 4,	276	Teeswater	Teeswater	To initiate within time limit.
" 5,	87	Markham Union	Markham	To hold an At Home.
" 6,	151	Grand River	Berlin	To elect officers.
" 8,	438	Harmony	Toronto	To install officers.
" 12,	" 466	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	Divine service.
" 12,	466	Coronation	Elmvale	To install officers.
" 12,	266	Northern Light	Stayner	To elect officers.
" 12,	165	Burlington	Burlington	To hold an At Home.
" 15,	312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	To install officers.
" 15,	361	Waverley	Guelph	To install officers.
" 18,	294	Moore	Courtright	Divine service.
" 19,	382	Doric	Hamilton	To initiate within time limit.
" 19,	172	Ayr	Ayr	To install officers.
" 19,	442	Dymont	Thessalon	To install officers.
" 28,	326	Zetland	Toronto	To raise within time limit.
" 28,	44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Divine service.
" 28,	41	St. George's	Kingsville	To install officers.
" 29,	433	Bonnechere	Eganville	To install officers.
" 30,	46	Wellington	Chatham	Divine service.
Jan. 2,	459	Cobden	Cobden	To install officers.
" 2,	93	Northern Light	Kincardine	To install officers.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	NO.	NAME OF LODGE.	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
Jan. 2, 1906	141	Tudor	...	Mitchell, ... Frankford, ... New Liskeard, ... Rainy River, ... Alvinston, ... Toronto, ... Fenelon Falls, ... Thamesford, ... Hawkesbury, ... Toronto, ... Toronto, ... Preston, ... Ridgetown, ... Emsdale, ... Merlin, ... Tara, ... Sault Ste. Marie, ... Toronto, ... Collingwood, ... Norwood, ... St. Catharines, ... Toronto Junction, ... Brighton, ... Kenora, ... Plantagenet, ...
" 4,	127	Frank	...	To install officers.
" 4,	462	Temiscaming	...	To install officers.
" 4,	461	Ionic	...	To initiate within time limit.
" 4,	323	Alvinston	...	To hold an At Home.
" 4,	16	St. Andrew's	...	To hold an At Home.
" 5,	406	Spry	...	To hold an At Home.
" 8,	394	King Solomon's	...	To hold an At Home.
" 8,	450	Hawkesbury	...	To install officers.
" 10,	316	Doric	...	To hold an At Home.
" 11,	438	Harmony	...	Divine service.
" 11,	297	Preston	...	To hold an At Home.
" 13,	391	Howard	...	To hold a banquet.
" 16,	424	Algonquin	...	Divine service.
" 18,	457	Century	...	To install officers.
" 22,	362	Maple Leaf	...	To install officers.
" 22,	412	Keystone	...	To hold an At Home.
" 22,	339	Orient	...	To hold an At Home.
" 22,	90	Manito	...	To initiate within time limit.
" 25,	223	Norwood	...	To install officers.
" 25,	103	Maple Leaf	...	To hold an At Home.
" 25,	426	Stanley	...	To hold an At Home.
" 27,	29	United	...	To install officers.
" 30,	445	Lake of the Woods	...	To hold an At Home.
" 30,	186	Plantagenet	...	To hold an At Home.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED	
Jun. 30, 1906	86	Wilson	Toronto	To hold a banquet.	
Feb. 1, "	320	Chesterville	Chesterville	To hold a banquet.	
" 6, "	144	Tecumseh	Stratford	To hold an At Home.	
" 6, "	435	Havelock	Havelock	To hold an At Home.	
" 9, "	300	Mt. Olivet	Thorndale	To hold an At Home.	
" 9, "	255	Sydenham	Dresden	To hold an At Home.	
" 9, "	412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	To hold an At Home.	
" 12, "	75	St. John's	Toronto	To hold an At Home.	
" 12, "	22	King Solomon's	Toronto	To hold an At Home.	
" 14, "	286	Wingham	Wingham	To initiate within time limit.	
" 14, "	384	Alpha	Toronto	To hold an At Home.	
" 21, "	290	Leamington	Leamington	To initiate within time limit.	
" 21, "	343	Georgia	Toronto	To hold an At Home.	
" 23, "	412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	To hold an At Home.	
Feb. 23,	263	Forest	Forest	To hold an At Home.	
" 23,	386	McColl	West Lorne	Divine service.	
" 24,	99	Tuscan	Newmarket	To hold an At Home.	
" 26,	297	Preston	Preston	To initiate within time limit.	
" 26,	467	Tottenham	Tottenham	To hold an At Home.	
" 28,	64	Kilwinning	London	To hold an At Home.	
" 28,	437	Tuscan	Sarnia	To hold an At Home.	
Mch. 5,	307	Arkona	Arkona	To initiate within time limit.	
" 5,	151	Grand River	Berlin	To initiate within time limit.	
" 9,	245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	To hold an At Home.	

DISPENSATIONS--Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD		FOR WHAT GRANTED
			WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED	
McL. 9, 1906	426	Stanley	Toronto Junction	To hold an At Home.	
" 14, "	316	Doric	Toronto	To hold a concert.	
" 14, "	462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	To initiate within time limit.	
" 24, "	223	Norwood	Norwood	To initiate within time limit.	
" 28, "	113	Wilson	Waterford	To hold an At Home.	
Apr. 2, "	290	Leamington	Leamington	To initiate within time limit.	
" 4, "	38	Trent	Trenton	To raise within time limit.	
" 10, "	443	Powassan	Powassan	To install officers.	
" 10, "	88	St. George's	Owen Sound	Divine service.	
" 10, "	151	Grand River	Berlin	To initiate within time limit.	
" 11, "	u.d.	The Beaches	Balmy Beach	To hold an At Home.	
" 16, "	383	Henderson	Winchester	To hold a banquet.	
" 17, "	7	Union	Grimsby	To hold an At Home.	
" 17, "	372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	To hold an At Home.	
" 18, "	471	King Edward VII	Chippewa	Divine service.	
" 10, "	338	Dufferin	Wellandport	Divine service.	
May 12, "	56	Victoria	Sarnia	To initiate within time limit.	
" 15, "	356	River Park	Streetsville	Divine service.	
" 21, "	382	Doric	Hamilton	To hold an excursion.	
" 23, "	305	Humber	Weston	To install officers.	
" 23, "	430	Acacia	East Toronto	To hold an At Home.	
" 23, "	458	Wales	Wales	To install officers.	
" 23, "	47	Great Western	Windsor	Divine service.	
" 23, "	61	Acacia	Hamilton	Divine service.	
" 23, "	88	St. George's	Owen Sound	To hold an excursion.	

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	No.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD			FOR WHAT GRANTED
			1906	1906	1906	
May 23,	1906	197	Saugeen...	Walkerton	...	To initiate within time limit.
.. 26,	"	258	Guelph...	Guelph	...	To install officers.
" 26,	"	352	Granite...	Parry Sound	...	Divine service.
" 28,	"	437	Tuscan...	Sarnia	...	Divine service.
June 1,	"	223	Norwood...	Norwood	...	Divine service.
" 1,	"	55	Merrickville...	Merrickville	...	Divine service.
" 1,	"	465	Carleton...	Carp	...	Divine service.
" 4,	"	435	Havelock...	Havelock	...	Divine service.
" 4,	"	85	Rising Sun...	Athens	...	Divine service.
" 4,	"	141	Tudor...	Mitchell	...	Divine service.
" 5,	"	467	Tottenham...	Tottenham	...	Divine service.
" 5,	"	394	King Solomon's...	Thamesford	...	Divine service.
" 5,	"	U. D	Harding...	Woodville	...	Divine service.
" 5,	"	336	Highgate...	Highgate	...	Divine service.
" 5,	"	77	Faithful Brethren...	Lindsay	...	Divine service.
" 5,	"	282	Lorne...	Glencoe	...	To hold an At Home.
" 5,	"	346	Occident...	Toronto	...	Divine service.
" 6,	"	29	United...	Brighton	...	Divine service.
" 7,	"	9	Union...	Napanee	...	Divine service.
" 7,	"	91	Colborne...	Colborne	...	Divine service.
" 8,	"	446	Granite...	Fort Frances	...	Divine service.
" 8,	"	200	St. Alban's...	Mt. Forest	...	To elect officers.
" 8,	"	200	Merritt...	Welland	...	Divine service.
" 8,	"	168	Mountain...	Thorold	...	Divine service.
" 8,	"	221	St. John's...	Toronto	...	To install officers.
" 11,	"	75				

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	NO.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
June 11, 1906	400	Oakville...	Oakville...	Divine service.
" 11, "	372	Palmer...	Bridgeburg...	Divine service.
" 11, "	196	Madawaska...	Arnprior...	Divine service.
" 11, "	30	Composite...	Whitby...	Divine service.
" 11, "	408	Murray...	Beaverton...	Divine service.
" 11, "	395	Parvaim...	Comber...	Divine service.
" 11, "	7	Union...	Grimsby...	Divine service.
" 12, "	7	Gore Bay...	Gore Bay...	Divine service.
" 12, "	114	Hope...	Port Hope...	Divine service.
" 12, "	396	Cedar...	Wiaront...	Divine service.
" 13, "	43	King Solomon's...	Woodstock...	Divine service.
" 13, "	460	Rideau...	Seeley's Bay...	Divine service.
" 13, "	429	Port Elgin...	Port Elgin...	Divine service.
" 13, "	343	Georgina...	Toronto...	To install officers.
" 14, "	312	Pnyx...	Wallaceburg...	Divine service.
" 14, "	154	Irving...	Lucan...	Divine service.
" 14, "	128	Pembroke...	Pembroke...	Divine service.
" 15, "	377	Lorne...	Sheilburne...	Divine service.
" 15, "	90	Manito...	Collingwood...	Divine service.
" 15, "	236	Manitoba...	Cookstown...	Divine service.
" 15, "	459	Cobden...	Cobden...	Divine service.
" 15, "	302	St. David's...	St. Thomas...	Divine service.
" 15, "	239	Tweed...	Tweed...	Divine service.
" 16, "	461	Ionic...	Rainy River...	Divine service.
" 16, "	261	Oak Branch...	Innerkip...	Divine service.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	NO.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
June 16, 1906	447	Sturgeon Falls...	Sturgeon Falls...	Divine service.
" 19, "	159	Goodwood...	Richmond...	Divine service.
" 19, "	52	Dalhousie...	Ottawa...	Divine service.
" 19, "	423	Strong...	Sundridge...	Divine service.
" 19, "	299	Victoria...	Centreville...	Divine service.
" 19, "	255	Sydenham...	Dresden...	Divine service.
" 19, "	190	Belmont...	Belmont...	Divine service.
" 19, "	385	Spry...	Beeton...	Divine service.
" 19, "	137	Pythagoras...	Meaford...	Divine service.
" 19, "	201	Leeds...	Gananoque...	Divine service.
" 19, "	6	Sussex...	Brockville...	Divine service.
" 19, "	24	St. Francis...	Smith's Falls...	Divine service.
" 19, "	15	St. George's...	St. Catharines...	Divine service.
" 19, "	420	Nipissing...	North Bay...	Divine service.
" 19, "	431	Moravian...	Eden Grove...	Divine service.
" 19, "	431	Moravian...	Eden Grove...	Divine service.
" 19, "	143	Friendly Brothers...	Iroquois...	Divine service.
" 20, "	11	Moira...	Belleville...	Divine service.
" 20, "	126	Golden Rule...	Campbellford...	Divine service.
" 20, "	412	Keystone...	Sault Ste. Marie...	Divine service.
" 20, "	329	King Solomon's...	Jarvis...	Divine service.
" 20, "	U. D.	Corinthian...	North Gower...	Divine service.
" 20, "	37	King Hiram...	Ingersoll...	Divine service.
" 21, "	260	Washington...	Petrolia...	Divine service.
" 21, "	86	Wilson...	Toronto...	Divine service.

DISPENSATIONS—Continued.

DATE	NO.	NAME OF LODGE	WHERE HELD	FOR WHAT GRANTED
June 21, 1906	48	Madoc	Madoc	Divine service.
" 22,	184	Old Light	Lucknow	Divine service.
" 22,	267	Parthenon	Chatham	Divine service.
" 22,	370	Harmony	Delta	Divine service.
" 22,	88	St. George's	Owen Sound	To install officers.
" 23,	68	St. John's	Ingersoll	Divine service.
" 23,	133	Lebanon Forest	Exeter	Divine service.
" 23,	33	Maitland	Goderich	Divine service.
" 23,	233	Doric	Parkhill	Divine service.
" 23,	402	Central	Essex	Divine service.
" 23,	382	Doric	Hamilton	To initiate within time limit.
" 23,	U. D.	Milverton	Milverton	To initiate within time limit.
" 25,	373	Copestone	Welland	To initiate within time limit.
" 26,	414	Pequonga	Kenora	Divine service.
" 26,	464	King Edward	Sunderland	Divine service.
" 26,	376	Unity	Huntsville	Divine service.
" 28,	165	Burlington	Burlington	Divine service.
" 28,	237	Vienna	Vienna	To install officers.
" 28,	254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	To install officers.
" 28,	136	St. Clair	Milton	Divine service.
" 29,	125	Cornwall	Cornwall	Divine service.
" 30,	166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	To hold an excursion.

List of By-laws confirmed by the Grand Master.

Date	Name	No.	Place
1905.	July 24.....Stirling.....	69,	Stirling.
"	July 27.....Temiscaming.....	462,	New Liskeard.
"	Oct. 11.....Parthenon	267,	Chatham.
"	Oct. 17.....Lansdowne	387,	Lansdowne.
"	Oct. 20.....King Edward	464,	Sunderland.
"	Nov. 8.....Algoma	469,	Sault Ste. Marie.
"	Nov. 11.....Doric	455,	Little Current.
"	Nov. 16.....St. John's	40,	Hamilton.
"	Nov. 28.....Doric	121,	Brantford.
"	Nov. 30.....Victoria	470,	Victoria Harbor.
"	Dec. 1.....Prince of Wales	371,	Ottawa.
1906.	Feb. 23.....St. John's	63,	Carleton Place.
"	Mch. 10.....King Edward VII	471,	Chippawa.
"	May 10.....Peel	468,	Caledon, East.
"	June 12.....King Solomon's	394,	Thamesford.

List of amendments to By-laws confirmed by the M. W. Grand Master.

Date	Name	No.	Place
1905.	July 26.....Alpha	384,	Toronto.
"	July 27.....Wilson	86,	Toronto.
"	Aug. 3.....Renfrew	122,	Renfrew.
"	Sept. 11.....Acacia	61,	Hamilton.
"	Sept. 21.....Lebanon	139,	Oshawa.
"	Oct. 12.....Doric	316,	Toronto.
"	Oct. 14.....Temple	324,	Hamilton.
"	Oct. 25.....King Hiram	37,	Ingersoll.
"	Nov. 21.....Wellington	46,	Chatham.

1905.	Nov. 18	Union.....	380, London.
"	Nov. 23	Tuscan.....	437, Sarnia.
"	Dec. 4	Brougham Union.....	269, Brougham.
"	Dec. 7	Doric.....	58, Ottawa.
"	Dec. 20	Forest.....	162, Wroxeter.
"	Dec. 23	Scott.....	421, Grand Valley.
1906.	Jan. 20	St. George's.....	41, Kingsville.
"	Jan. 31	Palmer.....	372, Bridgeburg.
"	Feb. 16	Union.....	7, Grimsby.
"	Mar. 19	Peterborough.....	155, Peterborough.
"	Mar. 27	Ashlar.....	247, Toronto.
"	Apr. 12	Murray.....	408, Beaverton.
"	Apr. 24	Occident.....	346, Toronto.
"	Apr. 25	Civil Service.....	148, Ottawa.
"	Apr. 28	Havelock.....	435, Havelock.
"	May 21	Zeta.....	410, Toronto.
"	May 22	Hanover.....	432, Hanover.
"	May 25	Galt.....	257, Galt.
"	May 25	Great Western.....	47, Windsor.
"	May 28	Lodge of Fidelity.....	231, Ottawa.
"	June 6	Pequonka.....	414, Kenora.
"	June 6	St. George's.....	88, Owen Sound.
"	June 6	Doric.....	382, Hamilton.
"	June 9	Harmony.....	438, Toronto.
"	June 18	Barton	6, Hamilton.

RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND, 1905-1906.

Previously acknowledged, Proceedings 1905, page 398....\$21,695 87

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
219	Credit	Georgetown	\$11 00
324	Temple	Hamilton	13 00
294	Moore	Courtright	3 00
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	76 00
269	Brougham Union	Claremont	1 00
306	Durham	Durham	4 00
408	Murray	Beaverton	3 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	1 00
256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	6 00
455	Doric	Little Current	1 00
77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	30 00
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	3 00
294	Moore	Courtright	4 00
6	Barton	Hamilton	5 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	5 00
237	Vienna	Vienna	2 00
151	The Grand River	Berlin	10 00
17	St. John's	Cobourg	7 00
25	Ionic	Toronto	10 00
143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	64 00
180	Speed	Guelph	85 00
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	10 00
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	5 00
304	Minerva	Stroud	6 00
408	Murray	Beaverton	6 00
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	100 00
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	1 00
2	Niagara	Niagara	20 00
313	Clementi	Lakefield	2 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	17 00
426	Stanley	Toronto Junction	119 00
256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	14 00
98	True Blue	Bolton	6 50
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	4 00
219	Credit	Georgetown	29 00
30	Composite	Whitby	28 55
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	9 00
96	Corin...man	Barrie	160 00
356	River Park	Streetsville	8 00
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	6 00
91	Colborne	Colborne	45 00
304	Minerva	Stroud	2 00
39	Mount Zion	Brooklin	6 00
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	68 00
339	Orient	Toronto	119 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	15 00
115	Ivy	Beamsville	4 50
164	Star in the East	Wellington	36 00
18	Prince Edward	Picton	10 00
392	Huron	Camlachie	3 00
242	Macoy	Mallorytown	16 00
123	Belleville	Belleville	6 00
433	Bonnechere	Eganville	63 00
270	Cedar	Oshawa	185 00
440	Arcadia	Minden	15 00
77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	15 00
110	Central	Prescott	48 00
416	Lyn	Lynn	22 00
330	Corinthian	London	17 00
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls South	37 00
40	St. John's	Hamilton	50 00
312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	39 00
469	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	49 00
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	12 00
435	Havelock	Havelock	82 00
408	Murray	Beaverton	15 00
100	Valley	Dundas	64 50
430	Acacia	East Toronto	28 00
57	Harmony	Binbrook	14 00
258	Guelph	Guelph	50 00
470	Victoria	Victoria Harbor	26 00
97	Sharon	Queensville	22 00
235	Aldworth	Paisley	35 00
279	New Hope	Hespeler	40 00
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	5 00
64	Kilwinning	London	50 00
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	2 00
322	North Star	Owen Sound	121 00
6	Barton	Hamilton	5 00
178	Plattsburg	Plattsburg	3 00
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	6 00
155	Peterboro	Peterboro	50 00
321	Walker	Acton	64 50
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	13 00
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	34 00
128	Pembroke	Pembroke	24 00
408	Murray	Beaverton	10 00
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	5 00
272	Seymour	Ancaster	3 00
346	Occident	Toronto	3 00
7	Union	Grimsby	5 00
306	Durham	Durham	23 00
257	Galt	Galt	41 00
432	Hanover	Hanover	18 00
69	Stirling	Stirling	2 00
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	37 00
170	Britannia	Seaforth	3 00
384	Alpha	Toronto	50 00
260	Washington	Petrolia	28 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	100 00
97	Sharon	Queensville	13 00
159	Goodwood	Richmond	18 00
265	Patterson	Thornhill	12 00
140	Malahide	Aylmer	13 00
56	Victoria	Sarnia	90 50
297	Preston	Preston	34 00
336	Highgate	Highgate	7 00
123	Belleville	Belleville	19 00
286	Wingham	Wingham	81 00
200	St. Alban's	Mt. Forest	19 00
149	Erie	Port Dover	11 00
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	13 00
149	Erie	Port Dover	1 00
297	Preston	Preston	2 00
432	Hanover	Hanover	3 00
304	Minerva	Stroud	4 00
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	7 00
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	3 00
389	Crystal Fountain	N. Augusta	44 00
155	Peterboro	Peterboro	27 00
426	Stanley	Toronto Junction	68 00
9	Union	Napanee	61 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	53 00
34	Temple	Hamilton	16 00
136	Richardson	Stouffville	18 00
109	Aldion	Harrowsmith	9 00
461	Ionic	Rainy River	59 00
222	Marmora	Marmora	22 00
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	49 00
30	Composite	Whitby	22 00
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	42 00
410	Zeta	Toronto	51 00
404	Lorne	Tamworth	41 00
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	15 00
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	45 00
361	Waverley	Guelph	204 00
3	Ancient St. John's	Kingston	50 00
223	Norwood	Norwood	77 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	53 00
137	Pythagoras	Meaford	68 00
203	Irvine	Elora	29 00
367	St. George	Toronto	50 00
427	Nickel	Sudbury	113 00
442	Dyment	Thessalon	20 00
135	St. Clair	Milton	25 00
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	26 00
380	Union	London	35 00
339	Orient	Toronto	80 00
21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	3 00
18	Prince Edward	Picton	47 50
346	Occident	Toronto	34 00
5	Sharon	Queensville	5 00
129	Rising Sun	Aurora	34 00

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Amount.
201	Leeds	Gananoque	126 50
230	Kerr	Barrie	30 00
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	76 00
313	Clementi	Lakefield	14 00
384	Alpha	Toronto	34 50
101	Corinthian	Peterboro	153 00
108	Blenheim	Princeton	2 00
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	60 00
471	King Edward VII	Chippewa	39 00
420	Nipissing	North Bay	48 50
87	Markham Union	Markham	12 00
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	3 00
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	11 00
121	Doric	Brantford	87 00
324	Temple	Hamilton	25 00
63	St. John's	Carleton Place	68 00
147	Mississippi	Almonte	71 00
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	63 00
58	Doric	Ottawa	73 00
177	The Builders	Ottawa	36 00
231	Fidelity	Ottawa	54 00
264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	52 00
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	67 00
383	Henderson	Winchester	32 00
312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	13 00
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	20 00
26	Ontario	Port Hope	89 00
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	18 00
332	Stratford	Stratford	200 00
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	27 00
272	Seymour	Ancaster	69 00
463	North Entrance	Harrowton	11 00
U.D. Victoria		Toronto Junction	40 00
Toronto West District, No. 11			46 50
Toronto East District, No. 11a			46 50
86	Wilson	Toronto	220 00
143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	41 00
414	Pequonga	Kenora	30 00
456	Elma	Monkton	25 00
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	16 00
291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	10 00
66	Durham	Newcastle	9 00
423	Strong	Sundridge	38 00
364	Dufferin	Melbourne	2 00
209a	St. John's	London	91 50
259	Springfield	Springfield	17 00
285	Seven Star	Alliston	28 00
210	Central	Prescott	12 00
6	Barton	Hamilton	162 80
186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	18 00
229	Ionic	Brampton	175 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton	125 00
324	Temple	Hamilton	3 00
27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	110 00

U.D. Gore Bay	Gore Bay	33 00
440 Arcadia	Minuen	36 00
192 Orillia	Orillia	122 00
Interest on bank deposits		76 50
Interest City of Toronto debentures		175 00
Interest City of Woodstock debentures		181 57
Interest City of Peterboro debentures		60 00
Interest City of Ottawa debentures		250 00
Dividend Masonic Hall stock		3 00
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		\$30,389 29

Fraternally submitted,

Hugh Murray

Grand Secretary.

Hamilton, July 18th, 1906.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

I herewith submit a statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1906. The balance at the credit of the Current

Account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st day of May, 1905, was	\$ 6,498 63
Less cheques issued but not presented for payment at close of year.	345 27
	————— \$ 6,153 36

During the following amounts have been received by me from Grand Secretary, viz., cash	\$ 29,556 28
Interest from investments.	4,641 26
Interest on bank deposits	179 65
	————— \$ 34,377 19
	————— \$ 40,530 55

The expenditure during the year was as follows :	
For General Charges.	\$ 16,591 63
For Benevolence.	22,110 00
	————— \$ 38,701 63
Leaving a balance of	\$ 1,828 92
Balance in bank on 31st May, 1906	\$ 3,298 92
Less cheques issued but not presented for payment up to close of year. . . .	1,470 00
	————— \$ 1,828 92

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in account with E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

1905.	
June 1—Balance as per Balance Sheet issued 31st May, 1905.	\$ 116,168 52
1906.	
May 31—Received from the Grand Secretary from interest on investments and interest on bank balances.	34,377 19
	—————
	\$ 150,545 71

DISBURSEMENTS.

1905.			
June	3—E. Limon, 4 book cases Grand Secretary's office	\$ 157 80	
	3—Grand Secretary's salary to 30th June, 1905..	500 00	
	3—Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th June	50 00	
	19—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 1st July, 1905	115 00	
	24—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th June, 1905	66 00	
	24—Stenographer's salary to 30th June, 1905..	44 00	
July	12—M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, balance expenses	55 00	
	17—Expenses of Grand Lodge meeting at Hamilton	1,200 00	
	22—J. B. Nixon, Benevolent Investigation	250 00	
	22—R. L. Gunn, Auditor	300 00	
	22—R. L. Gunn, expenses stamps, etc., Board of Benevolence	15 00	
	22—Grand Secretary, balance of incidentals..	148 11	
	22—Grand Secretary, on account of incidentals, 1905-1906	500 00	
	27—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st July, 1905	67 00	
	27—Stenographer's salary to 31st July, 1905..	43 00	
	27—Henry Robertson, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.	150 00	
	27—Canadian Bank of Commerce, draft pay Masonic Relief Association of U. S. and Canada, Brooklyn, N.Y.	163 54	
July	27—Copp, Clark & Co., certificates and warrants	1,184 35	
	27—Robert Duncan & Co., stationery..	108 90	
	27—A. C. Turnbull, stationery	44 28	
	27—Howell Lithographing Co., account lithographing	35 00	
	27—Hand Fireworks Co., tubes for mailing	17 25	
	27—French Bros., for folio books	6 25	
	27—Spectator Printing Co., printing	978 95	
	27—Bell Telephone Co., account to 1st December, 1905..	28 50	
	27—Wm. Dodson & Co., fixing Grand Secretary's office	12 00	
Aug.	3—Springfield Lodge, 259, to reimburse lodge for jewels not returned, etc	25 00	
	8—R. W. Bro. J. B. Rankin, expenses attending Semi-Centennial Benevolent Committee	14 50	
	17—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August, 1905	67 00	

Aug.	26—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st August, 1905 .. .	29 63
	26—Stenographer's salary to 31st August, 1905.	43 00
	29—Grand Secretary, balance expenses meeting Grand Lodge, Hamilton, 1905.	187 40
	31—Grand Secretary, expenses Committee on the Constitution.	8 50
Sept.	2—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent In- vestigation.	150 00
	7—French Bros., cash book, etc.	22 00
	12—Grand Secretary's salary to 30th Sept., 1905.	500 00
	12—Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th Sept., 1905.	50 00
	23—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th Sept., 1905.	66 00
	23—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, office, salary to 30th Sept., 1905. .	50 00
	23—Stenographer's salary to 30th Sept., 1905.	44 00
	25—Robert Harper, wreath Mrs. Murray's funeral	20 00
	18—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent In- vestigation.	200 00
Oct.	2—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 1st October, 1905.	115 00
	2—Grand Secretary, expenses as delegate to Masonic Relief Association at Syracuse	23 49
	3—Aubrey White, expenses Semi-Centen- nial Benevolent Fund Committee.	4 60
Sept.	29—J. H. Sootheran, agent United States Fidelity & Guarantee Co., prem- ium on Hugh Murray's bond . . .	12 50
Oct.	17—Office Specialty Co., furniture Grand Secretary's office.	45 80
	19—Toronto General Trust Corporation, rent of box 499 to 30th Sept., 1906	25 00
	27—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October, 1905 . . .	67 00
	27—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st October, 1905 . . .	50 00
	27—Stenographer's salary to 31st Oct., 1905	43 00
	28—M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, account ex- penses	200 00
	10—Rolph & Clark, Semi-Centennial medals	715 78
Nov.	25—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November, 1905 ..	67 00
	25—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th November, 1905 ..	50 00
	25—Stenographer's salary to 30th Nov., 1905.	43 00

Dec.	2—Grand Secretary's salary to 30th Dec., 1905..	500 00
	2—Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th Dec., 1905..	50 00
	2—R. L. Gunn, Auditor to 30th Dec., 1905	150 00
	2—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th Dec., 1905 ..	115 00
	2—Grand Secretary, account incidental expenses ..	500 00
	1—A. T. Freed, official visit to Orient Lodge, 339, Toronto..	5 70
	1—J. B. Nixon, Benevolent Investigation, final payment..	200 00
Dec.	6—Bell Telephone Co., account to 1st June, 1906..	28 50
	21—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December, 1905 ..	66 00
	21—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st December, 1905 ..	50 00
	21—Stenographer's salary to 31st Dec., 1905	44 00
	28—Testimonial to M. W. Bro. Allen, P. G. M. ..	300 00
1906.		
Jan.	29—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st Jan., 1906 ..	67 00
	29—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st January, 1906 ..	50 00
	29—Stenographer's salary to 31st Jan., 1906	43 00
	29—Spectator Printing Co., on account contract work. ..	2,000 00
Feb.	19—Expenses Semi-Centennial Committee.	11 50
	26—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February, 1906. ..	67 00
	26—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 28th February, 1906. ..	50 00
	26—Stenographer's salary to 28th Feb., 1906	43 00
March	3—Grand Secretary's salary to 31st March, 1906 ..	500 00
	3—Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st March, 1906 ..	50 00
	3—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st March, 1906 ..	115 00
	17—R. L. Gunn, Auditor, to 31st Mar., 1906	75 00
	27—Expenses M. W. Bro. Walkem's funeral	38 00
	28—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st March, 1906. ..	66 00
	28—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st March, 1906 ..	50 00
	28—Stenographer's salary to 31st Mar., 1906	44 00
	31—S. E. Cornell, Chairman Commission Investigation, Petrolia, 194 ..	7 00
April	14—T. W. Lester, premium on office furniture, books, etc., in Alliance Assurance Co..	34 00
	14—Atlas Assurance Co., premium on regalia, furniture and books..	23 80

April	18	—Grand Master Burritt, account travelling expenses..	200 00
	26	—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April, 1906	67 00
	26	—Stenographer's salary to 30th April, 1906..	43 00
	26	—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 30th April, 1906..	50 00
May	2	—Henry T. Smith, reporting investigation Bro. Jones against Stevenson Lodge, 218..	43 00
	19	—Reid Press Printing Co., special printing	506 00
	28	—Assistant in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st May, 1906	67 00
	28	—Clerk in Grand Secretary's office, salary to 31st May, 1906	50 00
	28	—Stenographer's salary to 31st May, 1906..	43 00
	29	—M. W. Bro. Motley H. Flint, G. M., California relief distress	1,000 00
	31	—Benevolent orders, as per list	22,110 00
	31	—Balance, as per balance sheet	111,844 08
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			\$150,545 71

The attached Balance Sheet shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st day of May, 1906, and the sums invested with rates of interest. All the debentures are deposited in the vaults of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who in addition to the vault clerk of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented vault where the debentures are deposited.

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 31, 1906.

Debentures—

Brockville Debentures, face value at 4 per cent.	\$ 3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, face value at 6 per cent.	7,000 00
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., at 4½ p. c.	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, at 4 per cent	10,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, at 4 per cent	10,000 00
The Landed Banking & Loan Co., at 4 per cent.	15,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Co., at 4½ per cent..	5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., at 4½ per cent.	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., at 4½ per cent	15,000 00
City of Brantford Debentures, at 4 per cent...	8,000 00
St. Thomas Debentures, at 4 per cent..	12,148 50
City of Toronto, at 3½ per cent..	4,866 66

The purchase of the 3½ per cent. City of Toronto debentures for \$4,523.00 will pay Grand Lodge interest thereon at the rate of 4.05 p. c.

\$110,015 16

Current Account—

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, 31st May, 1906	\$ 3,298 92
Less cheques not presented up to 31st May, 1906	1,470 00
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	1,828 92

	\$111,844 08
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Fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund for the 10½ months ending 31st May, 1906.

The balance at the credit of the account in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 15th day of July, 1905, was	\$11,596 37
Received from the Grand Secretary from the 15th day of July, 1905, to 31st day of May, 1906	3,829 93
Bank interest	\$ 76 50
Dividend on Hamilton Masonic Hall Association stock, par value \$100, standing in the name of and held by the Grand Secretary	3 00
Interest from debentures	\$547 50
Less accrued interest on purchase of Peterboro debenture of \$2,000	16 27
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	531 23
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	610 73
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	\$16,037 03
Premium paid on purchase of City of Ottawa 5 per cent. debenture \$10,000 purchase, to yield 4 per cent.	\$529 00
Discount on purchase of Peterboro 3 per cent. debenture of \$2,000 purchase, to yield 4 per cent., price paid \$1,693.20	306 80
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	222 20
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Leaving a balance of \$15,814 83

The expenditure during the 10½ months from July 15th, 1905, to May 31st, 1906, was as follows:

For investment in City of Ottawa 5 per cent debenture, purchased to pay 4 per cent. \$10,000 00

For investment in City of Peterboro 3 per cent.	
debenture, purchased to pay 4 per cent.	2,000 00
Balance in Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1905	3,814 83

	\$15,841 83

BALANCE SHEET, MAY 31, 1906.

Debentures—

City of Toronto to pay 4 per cent.	\$ 5,000 00
City of Woodstock, to pay 4.05 per cent.	4,000 00
City of Ottawa, to pay 4 per cent.	10,000 00
City of Peterboro, to pay 4 per cent.	2,000 00
Balance at credit of current account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1906.	3,814 83
\$100 stock in Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, held by and in the name of the Grand Secretary	100 00

	\$24,914 83

Fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

1905-1906

**PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON
ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE**

June	1905.	July	1905.
24 Mrs. W. M. W.	\$75 00	3 Widow H. L. K.	20 00
24 Miss M. W.	75 00	3 Widow W. T.	15 00
24 Miss M. H. H.	18 75	3 Widow T. E.	15 00
24 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00	3 Widow J. H.	10 00
July		3 Widow A. F.	30 00
3 Widow G. S. M.	15 00	3 Widow J. W.	10 00
3 Widow J. V.	20 00	3 Widow W. J. S.	15 00
3 Widow W. C. S.	25 00	3 Widow W. T. S.	15 00
3 Widow J. F.	10 00	3 Widow T. W. H.	10 00
3 Widow S. R.	30 00	3 Widow T. G. S.	10 00
3 Widow W. J. W.	20 00	3 Widow T. McL.	10 00
3 Widow J. P.	20 00	3 Widow G. C.	15 00
3 Widow G. R. B.	25 00	3 Widow A. J.	15 00
3 Widow J. J.	20 00	3 Widow G. G.	20 00
3 Widow S. M.	10 00	3 Widow R. L.	10 00
3 Sister J. McP.	10 00	3 Mother C. E. M.	10 00
3 Widow T. H. W.	15 00	3 Bro. J. C. W.	25 00
3 Widow R. A. K.	14 00	3 Widow J. W.	10 00
3 Widow J. S.	15 00	3 Widow J. L.	10 00
3 Widow J. H. H.	10 00	3 Widow L. G. J.	10 00
3 Orphan M. N.	10 00	3 Widow J. L. Y.	10 00
3 Sister T. H. B.	15 00	3 Widow W. P.	10 00
3 Widow J. K.	25 00	3 Widow G. T.	15 00
3 Widow E. H.	20 00	3 Widow W. H.	50 00
3 Widow J. F. H.	15 00	3 Widow T. B.	10 00
3 Widow A. M.	15 00	3 Widow P. G.	20 00
3 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief for Bro. J. W.	10 00	3 Widow J. E.	20 00
3 Bro. R. T. S.	25 00	3 Widow J. L. H.	15 00
3 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Hamilton, for Bro. J. B. S.	37 50	3 Widow W. H. S.	10 00
3 Bro. W. C.	25 00	3 Widow W. B.	20 00
3 Widow R. W.	10 00	3 Widow D. G.	15 00
3 Widow R. M. K.	15 00	3 Widow J. W. M.	20 00
3 Bro. W. H.	25 00	3 Dau. W. K.	10 00
3 M. W. Bro. R. T. W. for Dau. J. D.	25 00	3 Widow W. F.	20 00
3 Widow J. M.	20 00	3 Widow J. B.	15 00
3 Widow J. W.	10 00	3 Widow W. L.	10 00
3 Widow W. P.	20 00	3 Widow W. M. H.	40 00
3 Widow J. W.	10 00	3 Widow H. H.	20 00
3 Widow W. J. A.	20 00	3 Wife of S. M. D.	20 00
3 Bro. W. McC.	25 00	3 Widow F. G. B.	20 00
		3 Widow T. J. B.	15 00
		3 Widow J. McK.	10 00
		3 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Ottawa, for orphans J. L.	25 00

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3 Widow W. M.	10 00	3 Widow H. H.	15 00
3 Widow A. M.	10 00	3 Widow F. M. B.	20 00
3 Widow T. S. S.	10 00	3 Widow R. G. B.	15 00
3 Widow G. S. McF.	20 00	3 Widow A. C.	20 00
3 Widow C. W. M.	20 00	3 Widow J. A.	10 00
3 Sec.-Treas L. B. of Relief, Peterboro, Bro. R. G.	50 00	3 Dau. J. C.	30 00
3 Widow W. B.	10 00	3 Widow M. C. B.	20 00
3 Widow H. C.	20 00	3 Widow J. B.	15 00
3 Widow C. D. McD.	20 00	3 Bro. J. W. C.	25 00
3 Widow G. H. N.	15 00	3 Widow W. B. W.	15 00
3 Sister W. C.	25 00	3 Widow J. A. B.	15 00
3 Widow W. M.	20 00	3 Bro. S. S. R.	50 00
3 Widow F. C.	10 00	3 Bro. B. B.	25 00
3 Bro. H. O. H.	50 00	3 Bro. W. W.	50 00
3 Bro. E. G.	50 00	3 Widow T. H. S.	20 00
3 Widow L. Y.	20 00	3 Bro. A. C.	25 00
3 Widow G. S.	20 00	3 Widow C. E. S. B.	10 00
3 Widow W. J.	20 00	3 Widow M. F. H.	10 00
3 Sec.-Treas L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for orphs S. M. P.	20 00	3 Bro. A. B.	50 00
3 Bro. J. H.	50 00	3 Widow A. B. DeP.	20 00
3 Widow G. T. P.	10 00	3 Widow W. W.	10 00
3 Widow F. S. B.	10 00	3 Bro. J. C.	50 00
3 Widow R. D. M.	15 00	3 Widow C. A.	10 00
3 Widow R. P.	15 00	3 Bro. F. M.	50 00
3 Widow J. M.	10 00	3 Orphan of J. J.	10 00
3 Widow A. R. P.	30 00	3 Widow E. K.	10 00
3 Widow J. T. G.	20 00	3 Widow J. F.	20 00
3 Widow A. S. W.	15 00	3 Widow D. L. C.	10 00
3 Widow T. R.	15 00	3 Widow D. H. E.	20 00
3 Widow J. McK.	20 00	3 Widow T. S. A.	40 00
3 Widow R. H.	10 00	3 Widow A. C.	20 00
3 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for Bro. D. B. M.	50 00	3 Widow S. H. V.	15 00
3 Widow J. R. L. S.	15 00	3 Widow W. J. S.	30 00
3 Widow S. R.	15 00	3 Widow H. E.	40 00
3 Widow G. W. S.	15 00	3 Widow M. G. V.	10 00
3 Widow J. T. J.	20 00	3 Widow J. M. A.	10 00
3 Widow G. H. B.	15 00	3 Bro. J. M.	25 00
3 Widow J. O.	20 00	3 Bro. G. C.	25 00
3 Mother J. O.	10 00	3 Widow A. McI.	10 00
3 Wife F. D.	25 00	3 Widow A. C. C.	15 00
3 Widow A. G.	15 00	3 Bro. J. A. S.	12 50
3 Widow C. W. W.	15 00	3 Bro. J. P.	25 00
3 Widow W. E. S.	25 00	3 Widow G. G.	10 00
3 Widow T. V.	20 00	3 Widow G. C.	20 00
3 Widow S. B.	15 00	3 Widow S. T.	20 00
3 Widow W. G. R.	50 00	3 Widow M. J. L.	10 00
3 Dau. W. W.	20 00	3 Mother of J. B. C.	40 00
3 Widow J. M.	10 00	3 Widow D. S.	20 00

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3 Dau. S. S.	20 00	3 Widow E. S.	15 00
3 Widow J. H.	15 00	3 Widow R. C. C.	15 00
3 Bro. J. E. R.	50 00	3 Widow C. J. W.	10 00
3 Widow J. W.	40 00	3 Widow T. C.	10 00
3 Widow W. A.	10 00	3 Widow J. W.	20 00
3 Widow J. S.	10 00	3 Daughter J. McE.	10 00
3 Widow G. W.	10 00	3 Widow R. C.	15 00
3 Widow D. S.	10 00	3 Widow G. W. A.	20 00
3 Widow G. B. B.	20 00	3 Widow A. C.	10 00
3 Widow P. R. D.	10 00	3 Widow E. D.	20 00
3 Widow W. E. S.	15 00	3 Bro. J. F. S.	25 00
3 Bro. J. S.	25 00	3 Bro. C. L.	15 00
3 Widow C. B.	20 00	3 Bro. T. R. W.	50 00
3 Widow S. A.	20 00	3 Widow H. R.	20 00
3 Widow C. M.	20 00	3 Widow O. Y.	20 00
3 Widow J. W. H.	15 00	3 Widow A. B.	20 00
3 Widow J. A. M.	15 00	3 Bro. N. K.	50 00
3 Dau. T. L.	20 00	3 Bro. F. McL.	25 00
3 Widow J. A. P.	15 00	3 Widow J. M.	10 00
3 Widow J. R.	25 00	3 Widow F. B.	10 00
3 Widow F. M. D.	20 00	3 Widow H. L.	10 00
3 Bro. G. W. A. P.	50 00	3 Widow A. A. M.	20 00
3 Widow J. A.	30 00	3 Bro. J. B.	50 00
3 Widow H. G. G.	40 00	3 Bro. J. D.	50 00
3 W. M. Lodge 131, Southampton, Bro. J. P.	50 00	3 Bro. H. H.	25 00
3 W. M. Lodge, Stouff- ville, for Bro. J.C.	25 00	3 W. Bro. G. H. W., P. M. Lodge No. 348, Penetang, for	
3 Widow S. L.	20 00	Bro. G. A. F. C.	25 00
3 Bro. R. C. W.	25 00	3 Widow A. A. N.	25 00
3 Widow W. E. J.	25 00	3 Widow A. E. B.	15 00
3 Widow L. W. W.	20 00	3 Widow F. C.	20 00
3 Widow J. A.	25 00	3 Widow J. E. E.	10 00
3 W. M. Lodge 146, Newburgh, for or- phans J. R. S.	20 00	3 Widow R. A. P.	15 00
3 Widow R. G.	10 00	3 W. M. Lodge No. 373, Welland, for	
3 Widow W. C.	20 00	orphans C. A. E.	
3 Widow N. R. R.	40 00	W. C.	40 00
3 Widow L. N.	20 00	3 Bro. W. McK.	25 00
3 Widow A. S.	40 00	3 Bro. J. C.	25 00
3 Bro. N. J. L.	25 00	3 Bro. S. C. D.	50 00
3 Widow R. E. H.	15 00	3 Widow B. C.	40 00
3 Widow J. G.	10 00	3 Widow P. C.	25 00
3 Wife W. K.	20 00	3 Widow L. W. L.	15 00
3 Widow H. D. F.	20 00	3 Widow A. W. P.	15 00
3 Widow J. P.	30 00	3 W. M. Lodge No. 401, Deseronto,	
3 Widow J. Z.	10 00	for widow J. C.	20 00
3 Widow W. S.	20 00	3 Widow A. C.	10 00
3 Widow T. B. P.	15 00	3 Bro. W. B.	25 00
3 Widow D. S. L.	15 00	3 Bro. A. F.	25 00
3 Widow R. H. W.	20 00	3 Widow J. P.	25 00
3 Widow J. A. S.	20 00	3 Widow F. P. G.	25 00
		3 Bro. G. R. McL.	50 00

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3 Bro. C. S.	25 00	27 Widow E. K.	5 00
3 Bro. T. P.	25 00	27 Widow W. J. C.	10 00
3 Widow W. R.	20 00	27 Widow J. W. S.	20 00
3 Widow R. E.	30 00	27 Widow D. R.	25 00
27 Widow A. S.	15 00	27 Widow J. B.	15 00
27 Widow S. M.	5 00	27 Widow J. Y.	10 00
27 Widow G. P.	30 00	27 Widow C. F. R.	30 00
27 Widow T. H. W.	5 00	27 Widow R. H.	10 00
27 Widow G. S.	5 00	27 Widow T. J. J.	20 00
27 Widow A. S. D.	20 00	27 Widow G. R. R.	20 00
27 Daughter P. P.	15 00	27 Widow A. G. R.	10 00
27 Bro. S. M.	25 00	27 Bro. J. S.	25 00
27 Widow G. S.	10 00	27 Widow G. S.	20 00
27 Widow W. S. C.	50 00	27 Widow J. F.	40 00
27 Widow T. E. McD.	15 00	27 Widow J. A.	10 00
27 Widow G. S.	15 00	27 Widow J. McC.	30 00
27 Widow J. T.	10 00	27 Widow L. W. W.	5 00
27 Widow R. O.	10 00	27 Hattie, dau. J.R.S.	5 00
27 Widow T. W. H.	10 00	27 Bro. T. W.	50 00
27 Widow W. P.	5 00	27 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for Bro. A.W.McL	40 00
27 Widow G. T.	5 00	27 Widow J. S.	20 00
27 Widow J. C. M.	30 00	27 Bro. R. K. B.	25 00
27 Widow W. A. W.	15 00	27 Widow R. C. C.	25 00
27 Widow J. S.	15 00	27 Widow D. McN.	10 00
27 Widow J. B.	5 00	27 Bro. H. T.	25 00
27 Widow A. L.	15 00	27 Bro. F. McE.	25 00
27 Sec.-Treas L. B. of Relief, St. Thomas, for Bro. G. L. F.	15 00	27 Bro. R. V.	25 00
27 Widow J. L. H.	15 00	27 Widow H. R.	10 00
27 Widow T. A.	20 00	27 Bro. W. A. R.	50 00
27 Widow G. T. P.	10 00	27 Widow W. B. S.	25 00
27 Widow F. S. B.	5 00	27 Widow C. C. G.	40 00
27 Wife of A. B.	50 00	27 W. Bro. G. H. W., Penetang, for Bro. G. A. F. C.	5 00
27 Widow G. H. B.	10 00	27 Widow W. G. S.	20 00
27 Widow G. M. McI.	20 00	27 Widow A. C.	10 00
27 Widow H. J. C.	10 00	September.	
27 Widow F. W. S.	25 00	21 Bro. A. W.	50 00
27 Bro. F. W. T.	15 00	26 Mrs. W. M. W.	75 00
27 Widow W. E. H.	25 00	26 Miss M. W.	75 00
27 Bro. J. R.	50 00	26 Miss M. H. H.	18 75
27 Widow R. H. D.	20 00	26 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00
27 Widow G. C. P.	30 00	26 Widow A. S.	45 00
27 Widow H. H.	5 00	October.	
27 Widow J. S.	15 00	20 W. M. Lodge No. 38, Trenton, ex- penses, etc., Bro. J. C's sickness..	50 00
27 Widow M. C. B.	20 00	20 Bro. H. T.	50 00
27 Bro. N. J. L.	25 00	27 W. M. Lodge No. 27, Hamilton, for benefit Wid. R. G.	50 00
27 Widow R. A. D.	30 00		
27 Bro. B. B.	25 00		
27 Widow C. E. S. B.	5 00		
27 Bro. H. R.	25 00		
27 Bro. S. A. M.	25 00		
27 Widow C. A.	5 00		
27 Ethel S., dau J. J.	5 00		

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24 Widow G. S. M. . .	15 00	24 Widow T. G. S. . .	10 00
24 Widow J. V. . .	20 00	24 Widow T. McC. L. . .	10 00
24 Widow W. C. S. . .	25 00	24 Widow G. C. . .	15 00
24 Widow J. F. . .	10 00	24 Widow A. J. . .	15 00
24 Widow A. S. . .	15 00	24 Widow R. L. . .	10 00
24 Widow S. R. . .	30 00	24 Widow W. J. S. . .	15 00
24 Widow W. J. W. . .	20 00	24 Mother C. M. . .	10 00
24 Widow G. R. B. . .	25 00	24 Widow J. W. . .	10 00
24 Widow J. J. . .	20 00	24 Widow J. LeC. . .	10 00
24 Widow S. M. . .	15 00	24 Widow J. L. Y. . .	10 00
24 Widow G. P. . .	30 00	24 Widow W. P. . .	15 00
24 Sister J. MCP . . .	10 00	24 Widow G. T. . .	20 00
24 Widow T. H. W. . .	20 00	24 Bro. W. H. . .	50 00
24 Widow R. A. K. . .	15 00	24 Widow T. B. . .	10 00
24 Widow G. S. . .	20 00	24 Widow J. C. M. . .	30 00
24 Frances, orph. M.N. .	10 00	24 Widow W. A. W. . .	15 00
24 Mrs. Carrie Ault, sister T. H. B. . .	15 00	24 Widow W. H. S. . .	10 00
24 Widow J. K. . .	25 00	24 Widow W. B. . .	20 00
24 Widow E. H. . .	20 00	24 Widow D. G. . .	15 00
24 Widow J. F. H. . .	15 00	24 Widow L. G. J. . .	10 00
24 Widow A. M. . .	15 00	24 Widow P. G. . .	20 00
24 Widow R. M. K. . .	15 00	24 Widow J. E. . .	20 00
24 Widow A. S. D. . .	20 00	24 Widow J. L. H. . .	15 00
24 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Hamilton, for Bro. J. W. . .	10 00	24 Widow J. W. M. . .	20 00
24 Bro. R. T. S. . .	25 00	24 Daughter W. K. . .	10 00
24 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Hamilton, for Bro. J. B. S. . .	37 50	24 Widow W. F. . .	20 00
24 Bro. W. C. . . .	25 00	24 Widow J. B. . .	20 00
24 Bro. S. M. . . .	25 00	24 Widow W. L. . .	10 00
24 Widow R. W. . . .	10 00	24 Widow W. M. H. . .	40 00
24 Widow G. S. . . .	10 00	24 Widow H. H. . .	15 00
24 Widow T. E. McD. . .	15 00	24 Wife S. M. D. . .	20 00
24 Widow G. S. . . .	15 00	24 Widow F. G. B. . .	20 00
24 Bro. W. H. . . .	25 00	24 Widow T. J. B. . .	15 00
24 Daughter J. D. . .	25 00	24 Widow J. McK. . .	10 00
24 Widow J. M. . . .	20 00	24 Samuel, son J. L. . .	25 00
24 Widow J. W. . . .	10 00	24 Widow A. L. . .	15 00
24 Widow J. T. . . .	10 00	24 Widow W. M. . .	10 00
24 Widow J. W. . . .	10 00	24 Widow A. M. . .	10 00
24 Widow W. J. A. . .	20 00	24 Widow T. S. S. . .	10 00
24 Bro. W. McC. . . .	25 00	24 Widow G. S. McF. .	20 00
24 Widow W. P. . . .	15 00	24 Widow C. W. M. . .	20 00
24 Widow H. L. K. . .	20 00	24 Sec. L. B. of Relief, Peterboro, for Bro. R. H. G. . .	50 00
24 Widow W. T. . . .	15 00	24 Widow W. B. . . .	10 00
24 Widow T. E. . . .	15 00	24 Widow H. C. . . .	20 00
24 Widow J. H. . . .	10 00	24 Widow C. D. McD. .	20 00
24 Widow A. F. . . .	30 00	24 Widow G. H. N. . .	15 00
24 Widow J. W. . . .	10 00	24 Sister W. C. . . .	25 00
24 Widow W. T. S. . .	15 00	24 Sec. L. B. of Relief, St. Thomas, for Bro. G. L. F. . .	15 00
24 Widow T. W. H. . .	20 00	24 Widow W. M. . . .	20 00
		24 Widow F. C. . . .	10 00

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24 Bro. H. O. H...	50 00	24 Widow A. C. . .	20 00
24 Bro. E. G. . . .	50 00	24 Widow J. A. . .	10 00
24 Widow L. Y. . .	20 00	24 Daughter J. C. .	30 00
24 Widow G. S. . .	20 00	24 Widow M. C. B. .	40 00
24 Widow W. J. . .	20 00	24 Widow J. B. . .	15 00
24 Sec. L. B. of Relief Toronto, Orphans S. M. P.	20 00	24 Bro. N. J. L. . .	50 00
24 W. M. Lodge No. 22, Toronto, for Bro. J. H. . . .	50 00	24 Widow J. B. . .	20 00
24 Widow J. L. H. .	15 00	24 Bro. J. W. C. . .	25 00
24 Widow T. A. . .	20 00	24 Widow R. A. D. .	30 00
24 Sec.-Treas L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for Bro. D. B. M.	50 00	24 Widow W. B. W. .	15 00
24 Widow G. T. P. .	20 00	24 Widow J. S. B. .	15 00
24 Widow F. S. B. .	15 00	24 Bro. S. S. R. . .	50 00
24 Widow R. D. M. .	15 00	24 Bro. B. B. . . .	50 00
24 Widow R. P. . . .	15 00	24 Widow T. H. S. .	20 00
24 Widow J. M. . . .	10 00	24 Bro. A. C. . . .	25 00
24 Widow A. R. P. .	30 00	24 Widow C. E. S. B. .	15 00
24 Widow J. T. G. . .	20 00	24 Widow M. F. H. .	10 00
24 Widow A. S. W. .	15 00	24 Bro. A. K. . . .	50 00
24 Widow T. R. . . .	15 00	24 Widow A. B. DeP. .	20 00
24 Widow J. M. . . .	20 00	24 Widow E. W. . . .	10 00
24 Widow R. H. . . .	10 00	24 Bro. H. R. . . .	25 00
24 Widow J. R. L. S. .	15 00	24 Bro. S. A. M. . .	25 00
24 Widow S. R. . . .	15 00	24 Widow C. A. . . .	15 00
24 Widow J. T. J. . .	20 00	24 Bro. F. M. . . .	50 00
24 Wife A. B. . . .	50 00	24 Esther S., dau. J. J. .	15 00
24 Widow G. H. B. .	25 00	24 Widow E. K. . . .	15 00
24 Widow J. O. . . .	20 00	24 Widow J. F. . . .	20 00
24 Mother J. O. . . .	10 00	24 Widow D. L. C. . .	10 00
24 Wife F. D. . . .	25 00	24 Widow B. H. E. . .	20 00
24 Widow A. G. . . .	15 00	24 Widow T. S. A. . .	40 00
24 Widow G. W. W. .	10 00	24 Widow A. C. . . .	20 00
24 Widow G. M. McI. .	20 00	24 Widow S. H. V. . .	15 00
24 Widow H. J. C. . .	10 00	24 Widow H. H. E. . .	40 00
24 Widow F. W. S. .	25 00	24 Widow W. J. S. . .	20 00
24 Bro. J. T. T. . . .	15 00	24 Widow W. J. C. . .	10 00
24 Widow W. E. H. . .	25 00	24 Bro. J. M. . . .	25 00
24 Bro. J. R.	50 00	24 Bro. G. C. . . .	25 00
24 Widow R. H. D. . .	20 00	24 Widow J. W. S. . .	20 00
24 Widow G. C. P. . .	30 00	24 Widow D. R. . . .	25 00
24 Bro. T. G.	25 00	24 Widow J. B. . . .	15 00
24 Widow T. V. . . .	20 00	24 Widow J. Y. . . .	10 00
24 Widow S. B. . . .	15 00	24 Widow G. W. W. . .	20 00
24 Bro. M. G. R. . . .	50 00	24 Widow A. McI. . .	10 00
24 Daughter W. W. . .	20 00	24 Widow C. F. R. . .	30 00
24 Widow J. M. . . .	10 00	24 Widow A. C. C. . .	10 00
24 Widow H. H. . . .	20 00	24 Widow R. H. . . .	10 00
24 Widow F. M. B. . .	20 00	24 Bro. J. A. S. . .	12 50
24 Widow J. S. . . .	15 00	24 Bro. J. P. . . .	25 00
		24 Widow G. G. . . .	10 00
		24 Widow G. C. . . .	20 00
		24 Widow S. T. . . .	20 00
		24 Widow M. J. L. .	10 00
		24 Mother J. B. C. .	40 00
		24 Widow D. S. . . .	20 00

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24 Widow J. G. L.	40 00	24 Widow J. G.	10 00
24 Widow C. G.	15 00	24 Wife W. K.	20 00
24 Widow T. J. J.	20 00	24 Widow J. P.	30 00
24 Bro. C. R.	50 00	24 Widow J. Z.	10 00
24 Widow J. C.	20 00	24 Widow W. S.	20 00
24 Widow J. H.	15 00	24 Widow T. P. P.	15 00
24 Bro. J. E. R.	50 00	24 Widow D. S. L.	15 00
24 Widow J. W.	25 00	24 Widow R. H. W.	20 00
24 Widow W. A.	10 00	24 Widow J. A. S.	20 00
24 Widow J. S.	10 00	24 Widow E. S.	15 00
24 Widow G. R. R.	20 00	24 Widow D. McN.	10 00
24 Widow G. W.	10 00	24 Widow J. W.	20 00
24 Widow D. S.	10 00	24 Bro. F. McE.	25 00
24 Widow C. B. B.	20 00	24 Dau. J. McE.	10 00
24 Widow P. R. D.	10 00	24 Widow R. C.	15 00
24 Widow W. R. S.	15 00	24 Widow G. W. A.	20 00
24 Bro. J. S.	50 00	24 Bro. R. V.	25 00
24 Daughter C. B.	10 00	24 Widow E. D.	20 00
24 Widow G. S.	20 00	24 Bro. J. F. S.	25 00
24 Widow S. A.	20 00	24 Bro. C. L.	15 00
24 Widow C. M.	20 00	24 Bro. T. R. W.	50 00
24 Widow J. F.	40 00	24 Widow H. R.	30 00
24 Widow J. A. McI	15 00	24 Bro. R. A. R.	50 00
24 Daughter T. L.	20 00	24 Widow O. Y.	20 00
24 Widow J. A. P.	15 00	24 Bro. N. K.	50 00
24 Widow J. R.	25 00	24 Widow J. M.	10 00
24 Widow F. M. D.	20 00	24 Widow F. B.	10 00
24 Bro. G. W. A. P.	50 00	24 Widow W. B. S.	25 00
24 Widow J. A.	40 00	24 Widow A. S. M.	20 00
24 Widow J. McC.	30 00	24 Bro. J. B.	50 00
24 W. M. Lodge 131, Southampton, for Bro. J. P.	50 00	24 Widow C. C. G.	40 00
24 W. M. Lodge 136, Stouffville, for Bro. J. C.	25 00	24 Widow J. D.	50 00
24 Widow S. L.	20 00	24 W. Bro. G. H. W., Penetang, for Bro. G. A. F. C.	30 00
24 Bro. R. C. W.	25 00	24 Widow A. A. N.	25 00
24 Widow M. E. J.	25 00	24 Widow W. G. S.	20 00
24 Widow L. W. W.	25 00	24 Widow J. E. E.	10 00
24 Widow J. A.	25 00	24 Widow R. A. P.	15 00
24 Hattie, dau. J. R. S.	25 00	24 Orphans C. A. E. W. C., for 3 young- est.	15 00
24 Widow R. G.	10 00	24 Bro. W. McK.	25 00
24 Widow W. C.	20 00	24 Bro. J. C.	25 00
24 Bro. T. W.	50 00	24 Bro. S. D.	50 00
24 Widow L. N.	20 00	24 Widow B. C.	40 00
24 Widow A. S.	40 00	24 Widow P. C.	25 00
24 Bro. C. H. M.	15 00	24 Widow L. M. L.	15 00
24 Sec. L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for Bro. W. A. McL.	40 00	24 W. M. Lodge 401, Deseronto, for Widow J. C.	20 00
24 Widow H. D. F.	15 00	24 Widow A. C.	20 00
24 Widow J. S.	20 00	24 Bro. W. B.	25 00
24 Widow R. E. H.	15 00	24 Widow J. P.	25 00

October	1905.		January	1906.
24 Widow F. P. G.	25 00	20 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of	Relief, Hamilton,	
24 Bro. G. R. McL.	50 00	for Bro. J. B. S.	37 50	
24 Bro. C. S.	50 00	20 Bro. W. C.	25 00	
24 Bro. T. P.	25 00	20 Bro. S. M.	25 00	
24 Widow W. B.	20 00	20 Widow R. W.	10 00	
24 Widow R. E.	15 00	20 Widow T. E. MacD	15 00	
24 Bro. E. B. H.	50 00	20 Widow G. S.	15 00	
24 Bro. A. B.	50 00	20 Bro. W. H.	25 00	
November.		20 M. W. R. T. W.,	Kingston, for dau.	
24 Bro. A. V.	50 00	J. D.	25 00	
December	1905.	20 Widow J. M.	20 00	
4 W. M. Orillia Lodge,		20 Widow J. W.	10 00	
192, for Bro. C.		20 Widow J. T.	10 00	
H. M.	15 00	20 Widow J. W.	10 00	
21 Mrs. W. M. W.	75 00	20 Widow W. J. A.	20 00	
21 Miss M. W.	75 00	20 Bro. W. McC.	25 00	
21 Miss M. H. H.	18 75	20 Widow W. P.	15 00	
21 Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00	20 Widow H. L. K.	20 00	
22 Bro. S. M. C.	50 00	20 Widow W. T.	15 00	
23 Mrs. W. J. G.	50 00	20 Widow T. E.	15 00	
January	1906.	20 Widow J. H.	10 00	
20 12 Bro. W. E.	50 00	20 Widow A. F.	30 00	
March.		20 Widow J. W.	10 00	
20 Widow G. S. M.	15 00	20 Widow W. F. S.	15 00	
20 Widow J. V.	20 00	20 Widow T. W. H.	20 00	
20 Widow W. O. S.	25 00	20 Widow T. G. S.	10 00	
20 Widow J. F.	10 00	20 Widow T. M. C. L.	10 00	
20 Widow A. S.	15 00	20 Widow G. C.	15 00	
20 Widow S. R.	30 00	20 Widow A. J.	15 00	
20 Widow W. J. W.	20 00	20 Widow R. L.	10 00	
20 Widow G. R. B.	25 00	20 Widow W. J. S.	15 00	
20 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of		20 Mother C. M.	10 00	
Relief, Guelph,		20 Widow J. W.	10 00	
Widow J. J.	20 00	20 Widow J. LeC.	10 00	
20 Widow S. M.	15 00	20 Widow J. L. Y.	10 00	
20 Widow G. P.	30 00	20 Widow W. P.	15 00	
20 Sister J. McP.	10 00	20 Widow G. T.	20 00	
20 Widow T. H. W.	20 00	20 Widow T. B.	10 00	
20 Widow R. A. K.	15 00	20 Widow J. C. M.	30 00	
20 Widow G. S.	20 00	20 Widow W. A. W.	15 00	
20 Frances, orphan of		20 Widow W. H. S.	10 00	
M. N.	10 00	20 Widow W. B.	20 00	
20 Sister T. H. B. for		20 Widow D. G.	15 00	
Mrs. C. A.	15 00	20 Widow L. G. J.	10 00	
20 Widow J. K.	25 00	20 Widow P. G.	20 00	
20 Widow E. H.	20 00	20 Widow J. E.	20 00	
20 Widow J. F. H.	15 00	20 Widow J. L. H.	15 00	
20 Widow A. M.	15 00	20 Widow J. W. M.	20 00	
20 Widow R. M. K.	15 00	20 Daughter W. K.	10 00	
20 Widow A. S. D.	20 00	20 Widow W. F.	20 00	
20 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of		20 Widow J. B.	20 00	
Relief, Hamilton,				
for Bro. J. W.	10 00			
20 Bro. R. T. S.	25 00			

January	1906.	January	1906.
20 Widow W. L.	10 00	20 Widow J. T. J.	20 00
20 Widow W. M. H.	40 00	20 Wife A. B.	50 00
20 Widow H. H.	15 00	20 Widow G. H. B.	25 00
20 Wife S. M. D.	20 00	20 Widow J. O.	20 00
20 Widow F. G. B.	20 00	20 Mother J. O.	10 00
20 Widow T. J. B.	15 00	20 Wife F. D.	25 00
20 Widow J. McK.	10 00	20 Widow A. G.	15 00
20 Sam, son of J. L.	25 00	20 Widow C. W. W.	10 00
20 Widow A. L.	15 00	20 Widow G. M. McL.	20 00
20 Widow W. M.	10 00	20 Widow H. J. C.	10 00
20 Widow A. M.	10 00	20 Widow F. W. S.	25 00
20 Widow T. S. S.	10 00	20 Bro. J. T. T.	15 00
20 Widow G. S. M.	20 00	20 Widow W. E. H.	25 00
20 Widow C. W. M.	20 00	20 Bro. J. R.	50 00
20 Sec.-Treas L. B. of Relief, Peterboro, for Bro. R. H. G.	50 00	20 Widow R. H. D.	20 00
20 Widow W. B.	10 00	20 Widow G. C. P.	30 00
20 Widow H. C.	20 00	20 Bro. T. G.	25 00
20 Widow C. D. M.	20 00	20 Widow T. V.	20 00
20 Widow G. H. N.	15 00	20 Widow S. B.	15 00
20 Sister W. C.	25 00	20 Bro. M. G. R.	50 00
20 Widow W. M.	20 00	20 Daughter W. W.	20 00
20 Widow F. C.	10 00	20 Widow J. M.	10 00
20 Bro. H. O. H.	50 00	20 Widow H. H.	20 00
20 Bro. E. G.	50 00	20 Widow F. M. B.	20 00
20 Widow L. Y.	20 00	20 Widow J. S.	15 00
20 Widow G. S.	20 00	20 Widow A. C.	20 00
20 Widow W. J.	20 00	20 Widow J. A.	10 00
20 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for orphans of S. M. P.	20 00	20 Daughter J. C.	30 00
20 W. M. Lodge 22, To- ronto, Bro. J. H.	50 00	20 Widow M. C. B.	40 00
20 Widow J. L. H.	15 00	20 Widow J. B.	15 00
20 Widow T. A.	20 00	20 Bro. N. J. L.	50 00
20 Sec.-Treas L. B. of Relief, Toronto, for Bro. D. B. M.	50 00	20 Widow J. B.	20 00
20 Widow G. T. P.	20 00	20 Bro. J. W. C.	25 00
20 Widow F. S. B.	15 00	20 Widow R. A. D.	30 00
20 Widow R. D. M.	15 00	20 Widow W. B. W.	15 00
20 Widow R. P.	15 00	20 Widow J. S. B.	15 00
20 Widow J. M.	10 00	20 Bro. S. S. R.	50 00
20 Widow A. R. P.	30 00	20 Bro. B. B.	50 00
20 Widow J. T. G.	20 00	20 Widow T. H. S.	20 00
20 Widow A. S. W.	15 00	20 Bro. A. C.	25 00
20 Widow T. R.	15 00	20 Widow C. E. S. B.	15 00
20 Widow J. McK.	20 00	20 Widow M. F. H.	10 00
20 Widow R. H.	10 00	20 Bro. A. K.	50 00
20 Widow J. R. L. S.	15 00	20 Widow A. B. DeP.	20 00
20 Widow S. R.	15 00	20 Widow E. W.	10 00

January	1906.	January	1906.
20 Widow T. S. A.	40 00	20 Widow J. A.	40 00
20 Widow A. C.	20 00	20 Widow J. McC.	30 00
20 Widow S. H. V.	15 00	20 W. M. Lodge	131, Southampton, for
20 Widow H. E.	40 00	for J. P.	50 00
20 Widow W. J. S.	20 00	20 W. M. Lodge	136, Stouffville, for
20 Widow W. J. C.	10 00	Bro. J. C.	25 00
20 Bro. J. M.	25 00	20 Widow S. L.	20 00
20 Bro. G. C.	25 00	20 Bro. R. C. W.	25 00
20 Widow J. W. S.	20 00	20 Widow W. E. J.	25 00
20 Widow D. R.	25 00	20 Widow L. W. W.	25 00
20 Widow J. B.	15 00	20 Widow J. A.	25 00
20 Widow J. Y.	10 00	20 Hattie, dau. J. R. S.	25 00
20 Widow G. W. W.	20 00	20 Widow R. G.	10 00
20 Widow A. McL.	10 00	20 Widow W. C.	20 00
20 Widow C. F. R.	30 00	20 Bro. T. W.	50 00
20 Widow A. C. C.	10 00	20 Widow L. N.	20 00
20 Widow R. H.	10 00	20 Widow A. S.	40 00
20 Bro. J. A. S.	12 50	20 Bro. C. H. M.	15 00
20 Bro. J. P.	25 00	20 Sec.-Treas. L. B. of	
20 Widow G. G.	10 00	Relief, Toronto,	
20 Widow G. C.	20 00	for W. A. McL.	40 00
20 Widow S. T.	20 00	20 Widow H. D. F.	15 00
20 Widow M. J. L.	10 00	20 Widow J. S.	20 00
20 Mother J. B. C.	40 00	20 Widow R. E. H.	15 00
20 Widow D. S.	20 00	20 Widow J. G.	10 00
20 Widow J. G. L.	40 00	20 Widow W. K.	20 00
20 Widow C. G.	15 00	20 Widow J. P.	30 00
20 Widow T. J. J.	20 00	20 Widow J. Z.	10 00
20 Bro. C. R.	50 00	20 Widow W. S.	20 00
20 Widow J. C.	20 00	20 Widow T. B. P.	15 00
20 Widow J. H.	15 00	20 Widow D. S. L.	15 00
20 Bro. J. E. R.	50 00	20 Widow R. H. W.	20 00
20 Widow J. W.	25 00	20 Widow J. A. S.	20 00
20 Widow W. A.	10 00	20 Widow E. S.	15 00
20 Widow J. S.	10 00	20 Widow D. McN.	10 00
20 Widow G. H. R.	20 00	20 Widow J. W.	20 00
20 Widow G. W.	10 00	20 Bro. F. McL.	25 00
20 Widow D. S.	10 00	20 Daughter J. McL.	10 00
20 Widow C. B. B.	20 00	20 Widow R. C.	15 00
20 Widow P. R. D.	10 00	20 Widow G. W. A.	20 00
20 Widow W. E. S.	15 00	20 Bro. R. V.	25 00
20 Bro. J. S.	50 00	20 Widow E. D.	20 00
20 Daughter C. B.	10 00	20 Bro. J. F. S.	25 00
20 Widow G. S.	20 00	20 Bro. C. L.	15 00
20 Widow S. A.	20 00	20 Bro. T. R. W.	50 00
20 Widow C. M.	20 00	20 Widow H. R.	30 00
20 Widow J. F.	40 00	20 Widow O. Y.	20 00
20 Widow J. A. McL.	15 00	20 Bro. N. K.	50 00
20 Daughter T. L.	20 00	20 Widow J. M.	10 00
20 Widow J. A. P.	15 00	20 Widow F. B.	10 00
20 Widow J. R.	25 00	20 Widow W. B. S.	25 00
20 Widow F. M. D.	20 00		
20 Bro. G. W. A. P.	50 00		

January	1906.	January	1906.
20 Widow A. A. M. . .	20 00	20 Bro. W. B.	25 00
20 Bro. J. B.	50 00	20 Widow J. P.	25 00
20 Widow C. C. G. . .	40 00	20 Widow F. P. G. . .	25 00
20 W. B. G. H. W., P.		20 Bro. G. R. McL. . .	50 00
M. Lodge 348,		20 Bro. C. S.	50 00
Penetang, for Bro.		20 Bro. T. P.	25 00
A. F. C.	30 00	20 Widow W. B.	20 00
20 Widow A. A. N. . .	25 00	20 Widow R. E.	15 00
20 Widow W. M. S. . .	20 00	20 Mrs. W.	75 00
20 Widow J. E. E. . .	10 00	20 Miss W.	75 00
20 Widow R. A. P. . .	15 00	20 Miss H.	18 75
20 Orphans C. A. E.		20 Mrs. H.	75 00
C., 3 youngest . .	15 00	April.	
20 Bro. W. McK. . . .	25 00	11 Bro. R. G.	50 00
20 Bro. J. C.	25 00	11 Mrs. D. L.	25 00
20 Bro. S. D.	50 00	11 Bro. C. R.	40 00
20 Widow B. C. . . .	40 00	11 Bro. W. J. M. . . .	50 00
20 Widow P. C. . . .	25 00	11 Bro. H. G. B. . . .	50 00
20 Widow L. M. L. . .	15 00	11 Widow F. C. and	
20 W. M. C., Lodge 401,		Sec. Waterdown	
Deseronto, for		Lodge, 357	50 00
Widow J. C. . . .	20 00		
20 Widow A. C. . . .	20 00		\$22,110 00

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. Benj. Allen, and

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 2.30 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3 o'clock p. m.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY
GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting herewith the annual report on the condition of Masonry in this district.

The utmost enthusiasm prevails throughout the whole district, and the tenets and principles of Freemasonry are appreciated and exemplified by individual members to a very great extent, not only within the lodges but in their daily intercourse with the world.

The class of work performed by the W. M's and officers of lodges in this district is of a very high order, which is the result of persistent and systematic labor on the part of my predecessors in office and ambition to excel on the part of present officers of lodges.

The financial affairs of the various lodges are also in a most satisfactory condition, Secretaries being thoroughly alive to the importance of keeping arrearages of dues down to the lowest possible limit.

I regret to report that the Semi-Centennial Fund is not receiving the attention it should, which appears to be the result of lack of interest or want of thought on the part of members of many lodges. In my opinion the only remedy for this state of affairs is for each lodge to appoint a good live member to take a subscription list and make a personal canvas, which I am satisfied would very speedily bring about the desired result.

The following deaths have been reported during the year:

July 29, 1905—Bro. John Bowden, Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor.

August 14, 1905—Bro. A. D. Fulliner, Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg.

August 28, 1905—R. W. Bro. Geo. Gott, Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg.

September 28, 1905—W. Bro. Thos. A. Mulligan, The Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville.

September 30, 1905—Bro. W. T. Hagerty, Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe.

December 17, 1905—Bro. W. G. Metcalf, Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor.

February 13, 1906—Bro. D. A. McRae, Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe.

February 22, 1906—Bro. A. W. Joyce, Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor.

May 21, 1906—Bro. W. H. Harper, Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Before starting out on my round of official visits I appointed W. Bro. Laurie, District Secretary, who rendered me much valued service and accompanied me on many trips.

September 14, 1905, Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden. W. M. and officers initiated candidate. Work exceedingly well done, personal interest on part of every officer clearly manifested. Attendance good.

October 12, 1905, Xenophon Lodge, No. 448, Wheatley. Owing to unavoidable absence of W. M. the chair was occupied by a P. M., who conferred third degree on regular candidate. Work up to standard in every respect. Good attendance.

November 7, 1905, The Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville. The W. M. not being in shape to exemplify the work fully, the second degree was conferred on regular candidate by R. W. Bro. French, of Glencoe, and third degree by W. Bro. Pye, of Thamesville, both of which were very impressively rendered. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees in such manner as to prove himself capable of doing first-class work. Subordinate officers keenly alive to their duties.

December 5, 1905, Century Lodge, No. 457, Merlin. The youngest lodge in the district, but right up to the standard in class of work. First degree on regular candidate exemplified in a very creditable manner. Officers and members thoroughly alive to their opportunities. Good attendance.

December 6, 1905, Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex. Third degree conferred on regular candidate absolutely correct in every detail. Proper interest manifested by many questions propounded by the brethren, bringing out some excellent points for ruling. Attendance good.

December 7, 1905, Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe. First degree exemplified on regular candidate, work practically perfect. W. M. thoroughly posted; Wardens, Deacons and other officers right up to the standard in every respect.

December 8, 1905, Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber. First degree conferred on regular candidate. Officers capable of presenting first-class work after systematic practice. All members interested and enthusiastic. Attendance fair.

December 11, 1905, Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim. First degree exemplified, W. M. and his officers working with great precision and accurate wording. Their beautiful lodge is a monument to their progressiveness.

December 20, 1905, Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham. First degree exemplified by a staff of officers who rank amongst the best in the district; work exceedingly well done. Lodge growing rapidly and will give a good account of themselves.

January 5, 1906, McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne. First degree conferred on regular candidate in practically a faultless manner by newly installed officer, of which the W. M. only had previously held any office in the lodge. Had the pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. D. F. Webster with P. L. D. G. M. regalia provided by the district: also had the pleasure of witnessing third degree exemplified by R. W. Bro. Wm. Milner, one of the bright lights of Masonry in this district.

February 5, 1906, Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg. Second degree exemplified in very creditable manner by newly installed officers, each of whom appeared determined to excel in his own particular work. A systematic practice will make these officers second to none in the district.

February 7, 1906, Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney. First degree exemplified by Past Master, which was exceedingly well done. The W. M. opened and closed the third degree. Careful practice, with a little more vim in the officers, will bring this lodge quite up to the standard.

February 9, 1906, Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate. First degree exemplified by W. M. and officers, which came up to the standard in every respect, thereby contributing their quota to the reputation enjoyed by this district.

March 6, 1906, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville. First degree conferred on regular candidate by W. M. and officers in a very impressive manner, also third degree by P. M. Robt. Pve in his usual excellent style. Good set of officers and thoroughly alive to their duties.

March 8, 1906, St. George Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville. Attendance small, owing to bad state of roads. No candidate. W. M. opened and closed in the several degrees. Junior Warden gave his lecture in the first degree in an excellent manner. With thorough practice this lodge will give a good account of themselves.

April 2, 1906, Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham. My mother lodge. No regular work available. W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. Officers require a little more practice to place them in the front ranks. Quite capable of putting on first-class work.

April 3, 1906, Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury. Third degree exemplified on regular candidate by W. M. and officers in a very impressive manner : opening and closing well done. This lodge is doing its share to keep up the reputation of the district for doing good work.

April 5, 1906, Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor. Very large attendance, including brethren from Detroit and Amherstburg. Third degree worked in an absolutely faultless manner. Officers and members exhibited great interest and fine attention to details.

April 6, 1906, Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor. First degree exemplified on regular candidate in a very dignified and impressive manner. Attendance good. Great enthusiasm and interest displayed. These sister lodges are bright stars in this district.

April 9, 1906, Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown.

Third degree exemplified in a very efficient manner by principal officers. A systematic practice and drill on the part of some of the minor officers would place this lodge on an equality with the best in the district.

May 3, 1906, Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence. Was accompanied by a number of brethren from Thamesville. Third degree conferred on regular candidate with dignity and attention to detail. This lodge has recovered from their fire loss and are doing good work, growing rapidly and prosperous.

May 8, 1906, Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg, oldest lodge in the district. Was accompanied by a number of brethren from Windsor. First degree exemplified in a manner which proved the officers to be thoroughly interested and alive to their duties. Good attendance. Owing to business affairs meeting was somewhat curtailed to enable me to catch midnight train at Windsor for home. However, I witnessed enough of the work to convince me that the work of this lodge is quite up to the standard.

June 5, 1906, Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington. Third degree conferred in practically a faultless manner, which must have impressed the candidate to a very great extent with the beauty of this degree. Attendance good.

June 6, 1906, Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell. Third degree conferred on regular candidate in a most creditable manner, showing that the officers are thoroughly interested and pay attention to detail. Attendance good, considering the excessively warm state of the weather.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me and the confidence expressed in my election to this the highest office in the district, also gratitude for the many acts of kindness and brotherly love extended by every lodge in the jurisdiction, not only as a representative of the Grand Lodge but also as a private citizen.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. B. CRUMB, D. D. G. M.,
Erie District No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Erie District, No. 1, from June 21th, 1905, to June 21th, 1906.

NAME OF LODGE.		LOCATION.	MEMBERSHIP	DEGREES CONFERD	MEETINGS HELD.	AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.	NO. OF MEMBERS 12 MONTHS	IN ARREARS.	TOTAL OF ALL ARREARS.	DATE OF LAST G.L. RETURN.	FINANCIAL STANDING.	PROSPECTS OF LOADGE.	CAN W. M. WORK ALL DEGREES.	INSURANCE.
34 Thistle.....		Amherstburg ..	75	2 4 7 9	2 1	\$26 00	18	\$ 103 45	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	\$ 500 00
St. George Kingsville ..		Kingsville ..	94	3 2 4 3	2 1	60 00	10	60 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	1800 00
Wellington Chatham ..		Chatham ..	177	9 6 5	11 21 23	68 15	30	323 00	Jan. 06	Good	Good	Good	Yes	2400 00
Westm Windsor ..		Windsor ..	274	24 22 33	8 5	90 00	20	400 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	3500 00
41 Tecum eh. Thanesville ..		Thanesville ..	58 2	4 6 6	1 1 14	12 60	3	57 22	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	No	300 00
46 Sydenham ..		Dresden ..	76 4	5 4 4	1 2	24 18	2	14 75	Dec. 1905	(good)	(good)	(good)	Yes	500 00
45 Parthenon Chatham ..		1310 7 3 1 9	1321 34	26 49 00	43	327 00	Dec. 29, '05	Good	plendid	Yes	plendid	Good	Yes	250 00
44 Kent Bleheim ..		8 8 3	12 7 19	4	52 50	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
42 Lorue		Glencoe	64 2	5 3 3	11 16 15	14 00	...	Dec. 27, '05	Sound	Fair	Fair	Al	Yes	suffic t
49 Leominster Leominster ..		Leominster ..	122 9	9 11 12	2 1 1	14 8 22	18	99 25	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
47 Puxy		Wallaceburg ..	93 2	7 5 6	2	14 5 19	15	150 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
40 Hain Wardsville ..		28 5	4 2	1 2	11 12 15	12	87 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
46 Highgate		Highgate	57	6 5 3	1 4 2	11 13 14 20	12	35 50	Dec. 30, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
46 McCall		West Lorne	71 5	6 6 5	1 1	12 4 16	15	150 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
46 Florence		Florence	26 4	4 4 4	3	6 12 18	12	5 00	Jan. 17, '06	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
40 Howard		Ridgeway	76 3	6 8 10	3	12 1 13	26	10 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
49 Parvain		Comber	50	2 1	1	13 1 14	14	5 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
46 Esse		Central	35	4 1 4	3	10 1 2 13	17	5 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
42 Windsor		Windsor	206 15	19 16 13	6 5 5	12 31 43	35	560 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	1900 00
41 Rodney		Rodney	34 3	5 5 4	1 1	12 9 21	11	8 00	June 24, '06	Fair	Fair	Fair	No	300 00
41 Naphil		Tisbury	81 6	7 7 7	1	13 4 17	15	153 22 25	May 4, '06	Good	Good	Good	Yes	210 00
42 Star East Bothwell		Star East	50 7	6 7 6	1	11 3 14	14	11 12 14	May 4, '06	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
48 Xenophon		Wheatley	36 3	3 2 2	1	11 1 12	18	6 34 75	Dec. 1905	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
48 Century		Century	25	6 5	7	11 5 16	18	6 34 75	Dec. 1905	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
57 Merlin		Merlin	11	11	11	11 1 12	18	6 34 75	Dec. 1905	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It affords me great pleasure to present my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in the St. Clair District No. 2 for the past year.

I wish particularly to mention the kindly, courteous and brotherly way in which I have been used by the members of the several lodges in the district, and I wish to thank them, one and all, for their hospitality and kindness to me.

Masonry is in a flourishing condition in the district.

There are twenty lodges in the district, with a total membership of 1,541 members in good standing.

During the year there have been 130 initiations, 21 affiliations, 6 restorations, making a total for the year of 157. There have been 13 deaths, 26 resignations, 18 suspensions N. P. D., 1 suspension other causes, leaving a net gain for the year of 99.

A Lodge of Instruction was held at Thedford, under the auspices of Cassia Lodge, No. 116, on Good Friday, April 13. In the afternoon the Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified by W. Bro. John Morrison and the officers of Cassia Lodge, also the Fellowcraft degree by W. Bro. Colin S. Cameron and officers of Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, of Sarnia. In the evening R. W. Bro. D. F. McWatt, on behalf of the district, presented R. W. Bros. W. S. Calvert and S. W. Trussler with P. D. D. G. M. regalia, in recognition of their services. The third or M. M. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Thoman and officers of Arkona Lodge, No. 307, in an excellent manner. There was upward of one hundred and seventy-five brethren present, and many points were brought forward by the brethren for discussion. There were five P. D. D. G. M's present. I have pointed out to the brethren the desirability of owning their own Masonic homes, and am

glad to say nearly half of the lodges in the district own their own homes and have them nearly all paid for.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I visited every lodge in the district once, and quite a number of the lodges several times. I planned to visit all of the lodges on their regular meetings, and although it inconvenienced me quite a little, I think it was more satisfactory to the lodges, especially in the smaller towns, where they have not enough work to warrant them calling emergents.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia: I visited this lodge on January 30, the oldest and most popular lodge in the district. It was the largest district meeting I ever attended. W. Bro. Edward McDonald and officers conferred the first degree on a candidate in a splendid manner. I found the books in a faultless condition and dues well paid up.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Brydges: I visited this lodge on February 6. Had a good attendance. W. Bro. Bateman and officers conferred the first and second degrees in a perfect manner. This lodge has admitted to membership nineteen candidates this year; a phenomenal growth for a small place. The prospects of the lodge are the brightest. They own their building and have it practically all paid for, and have an excellent staff of officers, and books in good condition.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy: I visited this lodge on March 16. There was a good attendance of the brethren present. W. Bro. Cluff and officers conferred a degree in a very impressive manner. I here wish to congratulate Beaver lodge on their beautiful and commodious lodge room, and only wish it was their own. In Bro. Richardson they have an excellent Secretary, and the books and finances are in good shape.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford: I visited this lodge on March 5. A good attendance of brethren present. W. Bro. Bailey conferred the M. M. degree on a candidate in a most pleasing manner. A happy circumstance in connection was the presentation of a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. Caleb Kennedy. R. W. Bro. Geo. Sutherland is still in harness and one of the most regular attendants and pillars of the lodge. Finances in fair condition.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming: I visited this lodge

on February 8, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders. W. Bro. W. B. Jones and his officers conferred the second degree in faultless manner. There was a good attendance of brethren. Burns Lodge is to be congratulated on their lodge room, which they own. The brethren missed the familiar face of our late R. W. Bro. Dr. Harvey, whose loss they deplore.

Alexander Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs: I visited this lodge on February 16. There was a fair attendance. W. Bro. Burns conferred the second degree fairly well. I found this lodge in a prosperous condition. Dues well paid up, and I am happy to say they own their own lodge room, and are spending an additional one thousand dollars this year in beautifying and adorning same.

Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, Petrolia: I visited this lodge on March 14, accompanied by a number of Sarnia brethren. The W. M., W. Bro. Corey, was unavoidably absent, so I. P. M. W. Bro. Chas. Reid conferred the M. M. degree in a faultless manner. The books and finances were found in good shape. The evening I was there eight applications were received, which shows that the brethren of Petrolia Lodge are progressing.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford: I visited this lodge on January 9, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders and twelve Sarnia brethren. W. Bro. Kenward and officers conferred the M. M. degree. I impressed on the officers of Havelock lodge the need of a little practice. I found the books and finances in good condition.

Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolia: This was my first visit, and although the officers had only been installed one week, they conferred the first degree in an excellent manner, showing that the Installing Board must be doing their duty in seeing that the officers are proficient in their work. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders and twelve other Masters and Past Masters from Sarnia, and were entertained royally by W. Bro. Barrington and officers.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest: I visited this lodge on May 2, when W. Bro. Jas. Brand and officers conferred the M. M. degree in an excellent manner. There was a large attendance of brethren. Forest Lodge is prospering, and I found the books in good shape and dues well paid up.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright: I visited this lodge on March 8. There was a good attendance of brethren. W. Bro. Lee conferred the first degree on a candidate fairly well, and opened and closed in the three. The prospects of Moore Lodge are brighter than they have been for some time, and their books and finances are in good shape.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona: I visited this lodge on April 5. W. Bro. Crawford and officers conferred the first degree on a candidate in an excellent manner and opened and closed in the three degrees. Arkona Lodge is in a prosperous condition and the prospects are good. Books in good shape and dues fairly well paid up.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston: I visited this lodge on January 10. W. Bro. McDermaid and officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner. This lodge have their work up perfectly and have a beautifully furnished home. I found the books in good shape and the dues fairly well paid up. Prospects of lodge of the best.

Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier: I visited this lodge on January 5, 1906, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Alex. Saunders. W. Bro. Richardson and officers conferred the second degree in a most satisfactory manner. Although Ionic Lodge has only been reinstated for two years, the future looks bright, although quite a few members are in arrears, whom I advised the lodge to suspend.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne: I visited this lodge on February 7. W. Bro. J. M. Campbell conferred the M. M. degree in a first-class manner, fairly supported by his officers. Dufferin lodge is doing better under the enthusiastic management of W. Bro. Campbell. They own their lodge room and prospects look bright for the future. Dues fairly paid up.

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie: I visited this lodge on April 4. There was a good attendance of visitors and brethren. W. Bro. Cochran exemplified the M. M. degree in a faultless manner. Huron is making a good steady progress, and prospects are bright for the future. They own their lodge room and dues are fairly well paid up.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden: I visited this lodge on March 7. A very large attendance greeted me on this occasion. W. Bro. W. J. Neil and officers conferred

the first degree in a fairly good manner. The J. W's lecture on this occasion was given by one of the oldest members of the lodge, Bro. Booth, and given in a most excellent manner. Leopold Lodge was mourning the death of their beloved Secretary, W. Bro. Leacock, who was a life-long zealous Mason. I found the lodge books in good shape and dues well paid up.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Pt. Edward: I visited this lodge on February 12, accompanied by about 30 of the Sarnia brethren. There were about forty of our American brethren from Port Huron and Fort Gratiot lodges in attendance. W. Bro. John Mitchell conferred the second degree in an excellent manner. Bismarck Lodge is in a good condition both as to work and financially. I found the books in excellent condition, and pointed out to them the desirability of having their own lodge room.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra: I visited this lodge on March 6. W. Bro. W. W. Stover and officers conferred the first degree in a faultless manner. They are a fine lot of fellows at Sombra, and I found the books and finances in good shape. They had just recently buried the W. M's father, an old and highly esteemed Mason, whose loss they deeply deplore. They own their own lodge room.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia: I visited this lodge on March 21. This being my mother lodge the visit was of more than ordinary interest. The W. M., W. Bro. Colin S. Cameron, conferred the first degree on his son, Stuart Cameron, which, to me, was unique, as conferred by the presiding Master on his son. This lodge has an excellent staff of officers, and has grown from the youngest lodge to the second largest in the district. The finances are in good shape and the dues fairly paid up.

In conclusion I would again thank the brethren of No. 2 District for their uniform kindness and brotherly greeting extended to me during my term of office, which I shall long remember.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

S. E. CORNELL, D. D. G. M.,

St. Clair District No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table showing the work done in St. Clair District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906

NAME OF LODGE.		LOCATION.		Number of Lodge.		Decrease during year.		Decrease during year.		Affiliations.		Restorations.		Resignations.		Suspensions.		Suspensions. N. P. D.		Decreas'd.		Decreas'd.		Emergent.		Total.		Meetings held.		Average attendance of members.		Amount paid for relief.		No. of members 12 months		in arrears.		Total of all Arrears.		Date of last G. L. Return.		Financial Standings.		Prospects of Lodge.		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.	
Victoria... 56		Sarnia		199		15 16 17		1 1		11 9 20		46		117 50		56 25		Dec. 27, '05		Good		Good		Excellent		Yes		Yes		\$ 2000 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.															
St. John's... 81		Mt. Brydges		81		10		1 1		13 20 33		25		15 00		40 00		June 28, '05		Good		Good		Good		Good		Yes		Yes		Yes																	
Beaver ... 83		Stratford		83		3 5		1 2		2 14		3 17		30		45 00		200 00		Dec. 27, '05		Good		Fair		Good		Good		Yes		1000 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.													
Cassia ... 16		Theford		42		2		3 3		1 1		2 13		15		... ...		25 00		June 24, '05		Good		Good		Good		Good		Yes		1200 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.												
Burns ... 53		Wyonit g		98		3		5 8		9		2		... ...		14 4 18		55 00		30 00		Dec. 27, '05		Good		Good		Good		Good		Yes		1000 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.										
Alexandra... 194		Oil Springs		55		2		1 1		1 2		1 10		5 15		17 81		18		... ...		Dec. 27, '05		Good		Good		Good		Good		Yes		1000 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.										
Petrolea... 194		Petrolea		82		10		4 8 7		1 2		1 2			1 10		5 15		10 00		16		64 00		Dec. 27, '05		Good		Good		Good		Good		Yes		241 66		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.							
Havelock... 338		Watford		63		5		4 2		1 1		1 13		14 12		5 00		5 00		36 00		June 27, '05		Good		Good		Good		Good		Yes		200 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.											
Washington... 260		Petrolea		108		6		3 11		3 1		1		1 13		2 25		18		85 00		7		55 00		Jan. 4, '05		Good		Good		Good		Yes		400 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.									
Forest ... 663		Forest		80		6		4 3		3 2		2		1 13		3 16		35 00		15 00		6		45 00		June, '05		Good		Good		Good		Yes		200 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.									
Courtright ... 291		Courtright		42		5		4 3		3 2		2		1 12		3 16		30 00		8		45 00		Dec. 27, '05		Good		Good		Good		Yes		200 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.											
Arkona... 69		Arkona		4		3 3		1 1		6		1		1 15		22		5 00		3		87 37		Dec. 27, '05		Good		Good		Fair		Yes		200 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.											
Alvinston... 123		Alvinston		65		4		3 3		1 1		1		1 10		2 12		18		5 90		2		9 00		June 27, '05		Good		Good		Good		Yes		500 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.									
Ionic ... 18		Ionic		32		2		2 2		2		1 2		1 10		2 12		13		5 90		2		9 00		Dec. 27, '05		Good		Good		Fair		Yes		300 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.									
Dufferin ... 64		Melburne me		62		5		2 5		1 2		1 6		4 1		1 2		1 3		3 16		16		30 00		6		60 00		Jan. 6, '06		Good		Good		Good		Yes		100 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.					
Huron ... 97		Balauchie		64		7		1 6		6 4		1 2		3 16		1 10		2 12		18		30 00		6		60 00		Dec. 27, '05		Good		Good		Fair		Yes		250 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.							
Leopold ... 97		Brighton		64		7		4 4		3 2		2 5		1 2		1 11		6 17		20		75 00		Dec. 27, '05		Good		Good		Good		Yes		250 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.											
Bismarck ... 19		Pt. Edward		63		3		3 3		4 2		2 5		1 2		1 12		15		12		15		20		50 00		19		120 00		Dec. 05		Good		Good		Good		Yes		300 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.			
St. Clair ... 25		Sundrha		63		16		9		16 15		5		3 2		1 1		1 2		1 1		16 00		30		60 00		30		10 10		10 10		30		30		300 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.							
Tuscan ... 37		Sarnia		1,4		16		9		16 15		5		3 2		1 1		1 2		1 1		16 00		30		60 00		30		10 10		10 10		30		300 00		Can. W. M. work all degrees		Insurance.									

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I take great pleasure in submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in London District No. 3 during my term of office, which expires on July 18, 1906.

When first my election by the brethren of this district had been declared I at once realized how great was the responsibility and also my inability to govern the district as is necessary for any one who has been so highly honored by his brethren and for which honor I now take this opportunity of thanking all who assisted me to this position, and whilst the pathway appeared at first rough and rugged was not as I expected, but was decidedly smooth and easy to travel, for the D. D. G. M's of this district in the past had so thoroughly performed their duties that my task was by no means an arduous one but was merely a season of pleasure to perform the duties devolving upon the position. I must also thank the many brethren who accompanied me and lent such valuable assistance when I was visiting the different lodges officially. I am pleased to state that not one of these visits had to be taken alone, and from Entered Apprentices to P. D. D. G. M's could be seen with me at all times and who lent me their counsel and assistance without measure.

London district is considered one of the largest in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, being composed of 26 lodges and 3,564 members. There were initiated in the district during the year 184 new members, affiliations 18, restorations 18. After deducting 24 deaths, 31 resignations and 38 suspensions we have a net gain of 127 for the year.

During the year the peace and harmony of the District was not interfered with to any great extent, and the slight differences which sometimes may arise among our

brethren have been easily adjusted by a word or two. I endeavored to suggest at the proper time and in accordance with our teaching, friendship, morality and brotherly love.

During my term I have endeavored to draw the attention of the District to the wish of Grand Lodge that each member on the Grand Register should have his name enrolled among the subscribers to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and am pleased to state that some of our lodges and brethren who have done nothing heretofore have now been recorded as assisting one of the most worthy appeals for Masonic relief recorded in the annals of Freemasonry and are to-day themselves endeavoring to see that others do their duty also and that the Semi-Centennial Fund will 'ere long be a glorious reality.

During the year I have received various circulars from the Grand Secretary conveying to me the Grand Master's rulings since the beginning of his term, all of which I communicated either verbally, when visiting lodges, or by circular to all lodges in the district, thereby endeavoring to bring such rulings into immediate force.

The dispensations asked for were for permits to attend divine services and Masonic "at homes" clothed in Masonic regalia, but owing to change in Constitution was unable to grant them, but on applying to the Grand Secretary the lodges requiring such readily received the desired documents.

Taking the advice of members of Grand Lodge and also the Board of General Purposes that the time had come when lengthy reports were undesirable, will endeavor to condense these reports of my official visits in the following manner. I have visited every lodge at least once, many of them twice, and a few even three or four times, not that it was absolutely necessary to go to any a second time, but merely to lend any assistance if required, but am pleased to state that at all times I found the lodges working harmoniously. Almost all the lodges in the district had some one of the three degrees to exemplify for my inspection, and each had the appearance of aspiring to be the model for all others to follow, and with such energy, enthusiasm and impressiveness displayed by the various W. M's and their officers that I always felt sorry when the degree work ceased, and I am sure the candidates at all times must have been delighted that they

had been honored by being admitted members of the Craft whose aims are brotherly love, relief and truth.

While the above may appear bright and flattering there is yet a dark side with reference to some of the rural lodges; first, not being punctual as to opening lodge at time stated on notices, one lodge in particular the W. M. not arriving until 9.30 p. m., when the notices stated 8 o'clock. I was informed on this occasion that this was a common occurrence. I strongly recommended the advisability of being more punctual and thereby endeavor to retain the older members and also gain the good will of our families who are opposed to the wee sma' hours. And again, the ambition of junior officers in aiming to the position of W. M. at the sacrifice of some of the senior brethren; ofttimes I am told that it is a complete canvas of members, and when a junior is promoted at the expense of a senior it is bound to work harm in the lodge, and in many cases the cause of not a few demits being asked for by brethren who have been the backbone and stay for many years past. I advised aspirants or officers to be patient and promotion would come through merit and would be more thoroughly appreciated by those so advanced and be a means of retaining that friendship and brotherly love which is essentially necessary for the prosperity of any lodge and the good of Masonry in general.

Also I regret very much the loss of so many of our members who have been cut off from amongst us by that all-devouring sythe of time, and as I have not been made acquainted with the several names of those brethren will not attempt to make special mention of them but will refer to only two of them, viz., R. W. Bro. John Boyd, P. D. D. G. M., of Belmont Lodge, No. 190, who died very suddenly last November, being stricken down with heart failure. Bro. Boyd was one of our most enthusiastic members in the lodge, one of the best read Masonic historians in our district, and as kind hearted and true a friend as we are liable to meet in our travels through life, and a thorough gentleman and business man, being a miller by occupation, and it was when leaving his mill for the night and making his way to his home that he was overtaken and cut off from our midst. Through his demise our district, and Belmont Lodge in particular, loses one of its pillars and will be much missed. The other

whom I wish to mention is Past Master Bro. John Smith, of St. John's, No. 20, who died in June last. This was the brother who gave me my lessons in Masonry. He was a thorough ritualist and one who could be called upon at any moment to fill any of the different chairs very accurate at all times. He expected others to be equally precise. These brethren were the kind with which we would love to fill our Masonic lodges. We regret their loss among us very much.

I have endeavored at all times to impress the brethren whom I came in contact with at meetings and elsewhere that as Masons and citizens our obligations expected us to be good men and true and never bring discredit upon our mother lodge and Masonry generally, and by so doing we would then be the better prepared when the call came for us to quit this sublunary abode to gain admission to the Grand Lodge above where the Supreme Grand Master forever lives and reigns.

Again permit me to tender my sincere thanks to all who assisted me to the position, who accompanied me on my official visits, or lent me their counsel and advice, and asking that an individual report for each lodge be overlooked, for it appears as folly to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. A. TANCOCK, D. D. G. M.,
London District No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Number of Lodges.	Total No. of all Members	Decrease during year	Decrease during year	Abilitations.	Restorations.	Resigndations.	Suspensions.	Decreas'd.	Emergent.	Regular.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.					
20 St. John's London.....	London.....	16	13	1	1	0	0	3	13	13	26	40	239	40	\$ 250 00	Dec. 31, '05	Ex. Good	Good	Yes	\$3000 00				
42 St. George's London.....	London.....	14	3	9	7	9	1	2	0	0	1	13	25	60	60	40	00	Ex. Good	Good	Yes	Jointly			
44 St. Thomas St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	19	9	15	11	10	3	14	5	19	2	44	60	39	44	219	75	Dec. 27, '05	Extra	Yes	800 00			
61 Kilwinning London.....	London.....	21	22	0	20	15	10	2	0	1	5	0	32	6	18	45	128	80	110	Good	Yes	Jointly		
94 St. Mark's Port Stanley.....	Port Stanley.....	11	10	7	0	2	1	5	0	0	1	13	17	49	60	6	00	58 (0) Mch. 2, '06	Good	Yes	.....		
107 St. Paul's Lanibeth.....	Lanibeth.....	58	3	6	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	12	34	18	47	50	60	Dec. 20, '05	Good	Yes	1200 00			
120 Warren.....	Fingal.....	54	0	6	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	12	34	18	47	50	60	June 26, '06	Good	Yes	800 00			
140 Mahahide Aylnier.....	Aylnier.....	108	6	9	5	6	5	1	0	1	0	210	4	14	30	45	60	8	18	30	July 10, '05	Excellent	Yes	1000 00
171 P. of Wales Lawrence Stn.....	Lawrence Stn.....	43	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	111	1	12	12	12	0	Good	Yes	100 00		
190 Belmont....	Belmont....	51	6	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	113	2	15	25	0	0	June 24, '05	Good	V. Good	Yes	800 00		
195 The Tuse'n London.....	London.....	76	3	1	1	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	110	0	15	66	25	16	135 (0) June 24, '05	Good	Yes	Jointly		
209a St. John's London.....	London.....	291	23	26	4	1	1	2	0	0	411	18	29	45	230	00	66	245 (0) Jan. 10, '06	Extra	Yes	Joint		
232 Cameron....	Duton.....	68	6	2	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	113	14	18	5	34	00	Good	Yes	200 00		
289 Doric....	Lobo.....	37	0	6	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	111	12	11	12	12	67 (0) Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Yes	500 00			
300 Mt. Olivet....	Thorndale.....	46	10	2	9	9	8	0	1	2	0	0	113	3	16	20	20	12	12	June 24, '05	Good	Yes	600 00
302 St. David's St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	207	13	0	13	13	12	1	3	1	0	214	7	21	35	60	208 (0) Dec. 29, '05	Good	Yes	600 00				
330 Corinthian London.....	London.....	133	6	1	6	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	112	1	13	38	150	00	18	50 (0) Dec. 27, '05	Good	Yes	First Cl's Yes	
344 Merrill....	Dorchester Stn.....	37	4	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	2	15	14	4	00	Good	Yes	Yrs		
345 Nilstawn....	Nilestown.....	35	2	6	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	111	1	14	14	2	10 (0) June 24, '05	Fair	Yes	500 00			
358 Del. Valley Delware.....	.....	39	4	2	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	111	1	12	10	14	74 (0) Dec. 27, '05	Good	Yes	800 00		
378 King Sol in London.....	London.....	110	11	10	11	11	10	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	9	0	112	12	14	40	60 (0) June 24, '05	Good	Yes	400 00
379 Middlesex....	Bryanston.....	34	3	2	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	112	0	12	0	30	00	10	40 (0) March 19, '06	Good	Yes	250 00	
380 Union....	Lond. n.....	177	4	0	11	7	0	0	3	3	0	0	113	1	14	28	81	20	194 (0) Dec. 27, '05	Good	Yes	Jointly		
388 Henderson...Liderton....	.....	35	2	3	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	112	1	12	18	10	50 (0) .....	.....	Better	200 00	
394 King Sol in Thorne ford....	.....	75	6	2	6	5	1	2	1	0	0	0	112	1	12	18	20	100 (0) June 28, '05	Good	Yes	1500 00		
399 Moffat.....	Harrietts.....	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	110	0	12	8	4	21 (0) June 25, '05	Good	Yes	.....		

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It affords me much pleasure to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in South Huron District No. 4 for the past year.

Without underestimating the value and importance of detail, I shall endeavor to discuss the affairs of the district in a short, concise and general way, eliminating matter, which though of local interest, may be profitably omitted herefrom as hardly of such importance to the Craft in general as to demand any circumstantial or detailed comment, in this brief summary of the condition of Masonry and its progress during the Masonic year now drawing to a close, in which I have had the honor to superintend and direct the work of my brethren in South Huron. I do not wish, however, for the sake of brevity, to appear unmindful of or ungrateful for the many kindnesses shown me by my Masonic brethren in every part of the district. For all the amenities, all the courtesies afforded me, and for the open hearted hospitality and entertainment of which I have been the undeserving recipient, I owe to my brethren undying gratitude, which any poor words of acknowledgment in the cold print and type of this formal report would fail immeasurably short of expressing.

The condition of Masonry in South Huron was never better. Peace, prosperity and harmony prevail throughout the district, and able and active officers preside over and govern the various lodges, excepting in one lodge where better things are promised for the future, the work was all that could be desired. That the district is in so satisfactory condition, that the work is being so skillfully and uniformly performed, bears testimony to the good and faithful service of my predecessors in office. The increase in membership for the year is unprece-

dented, enthusiasm for the Order abounds in all parts of the district, and with the one exception I have nothing but praise and congratulations for the brethren of South Huron District. I regret to have to report of some of the lodges of my district that though three years have elapsed since they were asked for the small contribution of \$3.00 per member towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, for the needy and destitute of our brethren, they still remain in arrears, some contributing little or nothing, some \$1.00 per member in the three years, about two cents per member per month, and one lodge the one eight-hundredth part of a cent per month per member. Tudor Lodge, of Mitchell, No. 141; Tecumseh Lodge, of Stratford, No. 144; Stratford Lodge, of Stratford, No. 332, and Lebanon Forest Lodge, of Exeter, No. 133, have placed themselves on the honor roll, each one of these lodges having subscribed the full amount required of them. It is but fair to say that some of the members of other lodges have contributed their full individual share, and I would have been pleased, did space permit, to record in this report the names of these faithful and generous brethren. I pointed out to the brethren throughout the district the great and pressing need of the money for the relief of our sick, distressed and destitute brethren, and that one cent per member per day for one year would more than discharge this appeal for help on their behalf. The indifference and neglect with which this benevolent project of Grand Lodge has been treated by many of our brethren has brought discredit upon the Craft generally, and would make it appear that our vows of charity are but vain professions and empty cant. Every Mason who can afford to contribute the small sum asked for the relief of the distressed brother should consider it not only a sacred duty but an especial privilege to have done his part in contributing to and completing this benevolent project, which will live long after he has ceased to be, for by the permanency of the fund it will speak for him when his voice is forever silent and will continue to distribute charity for him when his hand is powerless to help his fellow creatures in the hour of their affliction. It is with the greatest regret that I find it necessary to complain of this apparent indifference and neglect on the part of some of my brethren of this district, for it is the only regret I

have, and the only complaint I make, at the close of a year's most pleasant association and profitable intercourse with the twelve hundred and more splendid fellows who compose District No. 4, and who are not more blamable nor more to be complained against in this regard than brethren of other districts. He is poor material for the Masonic Craft who receives and won't give. I have observed that lodges in this district, and I suppose the same condition prevails in other districts, that the lodges contributing least to benevolence make the largest demands for benevolence upon Grand Lodge. It is also worthy of note, and I am pleased to report that the lodges who have completed their contributions to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, are the most successful and brightest lodges in the district. As they have given so they appear to have received, richer for having given, thus exemplifying the divine truth and one of the cardinal tenets of Masonry, that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

I regret to report the following deaths for the year: Bro. E. W. Harding, of St. James Lodge, No. 75, St. Mary's; Bro. J. Couch, of Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton; W. Bro. A. Steckle, of New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg; Bro. Geo. V. Samwell, of Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter; W. Bro. John T. Perry, of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford. W. Bro. Perry was a strong personal friend of mine, and at the time of his death was Master of Tecumseh Lodge. He had accompanied me in some of my official visits and assisted me materially with the work and otherwise. The W. brother had made arrangements with me for my official visit to his lodge, to take place on the 15th of June ult., when it was agreed that he would exemplify a third degree. Shortly afterwards Bro. Perry was stricken with the illness which resulted in his death on the day fixed for my official visit. I need not say that Bro. Perry's death rendered my visit upon that night a visit, the recollection of which will always fill me with heartfelt regret and sorrow. I had lost a sincere friend, and I found the brethren of Tecumseh Lodge broken hearted and sorrow stricken over the untimely death of their Master, whom they loved and admired. Out of respect and

reverence for their departed Master the lodge was closed after resolutions of condolence and sympathy had been passed. In the death of W. Bro. Perry this district has lost a diligent and faithful Mason, and his community an upright and honorable man.

VISITS.

I visited each lodge in the district once officially, and had the privilege of witnessing the work of some of the lodges on two or three other occasions, and my tour of inspection so well satisfied me of the general proficiency of the principal and assistant officers throughout the district that I concluded to dispense with the holding of a lodge of instruction. I might write pages in relating the pleasant incidents and occurrences of my various visits and make up long lists of officers in several of the lodges who are deserving of recognition and commendation for the excellency of their work, but as I have before stated these matters are more of local and personal interest than of general interest to your Grand Body assembled for the transaction of Grand Lodge business. It should satisfy my brethren that these pleasant incidents are not forgotten, and that the officers who deserve recognition are known and recognized and their good work appreciated in every part of the district.

FORMATION OF NEW LODGE.

On the 7th of March I had the honor, by direction of the Grand Master, of instituting a new lodge at Milverton, in the County of Perth, to be known as Milverton Lodge. I was assisted in the ceremony of forming this new and promising lodge by W. Bros. Irwin and Tilly, of Stratford, W. Bro. Chalmers, of Monkton, and by brethren from Listowel lodge and from other lodges in the vicinity. Some forty brethren in all were present at this inaugural meeting. After the usual ceremony had been performed, the various officers were placed in their respective positions, and at my request opened the lodge in the second and third degrees and closed in the three degrees, and did so in a manner so creditable that their work elicited the highest praise from the visiting brethren. With such a presiding officer as W. Bro. W. G. Livingstone, and such officers to assist him as Bro. Ralph Lederman, his Senior Warden, and Bro. Thomas Hutchinson, his Junior Warden, Milverton lodge will

give a good account of itself, and I will watch with great interest and pleasure its future career, confident that it will be bright and prosperous. An exceptionally pleasant time was spent at the banquet which followed the meeting.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report I desire to express my thanks to the brethren of South Huron for electing me to the high and honorable office of D. D. G. M., the duties of which office I have endeavored faithfully to discharge. I have been loyally assisted by my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Malcolm, and the officers and brethren of the various lodges, so that if I have failed in any part of the work devolving upon me the fault is mine, not theirs. My ambition has been to preserve the credit of our institution in this district at the eminence to which it had been advanced by the distinguished brethren who have preceded me in office.

If the moral tone of the brethren and the ideals of true Masonry have been stimulated or promoted by my humble efforts, and if I could feel assured that my brethren are the better for my slight services cheerfully rendered on their behalf, I would feel amply compensated for the labors of the office.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

LEWIS H. DICKSON, D. D. G. M.,
South Huron District No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report upon the condition of Masonry in the North Huron District No. 5 for the year ending 30th June, 1906.

In compliance with recommendation of the Grand Secretary I shall endeavor to be as brief as possible.

In the first place I desire to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by electing me to the honorable position of D. D. G. M., and likewise to express my gratitude to the brethren throughout the district for the invariable kindness and courtesy shown to me during the whole of my official term.

Having visited every lodge in the district once, and having found as a rule all the lodges officered by capable and skillful craftsmen, it is needless to state that the work exemplified was of a high order of merit with respect to uniformity and efficiency. It is gratifying to be able to report that Masonry in this district is making satisfactory progress.

All the lodges, without an exception, are taking a deep and lively interest in the welfare of the Craft, and as an evidence of that interest I have the assurance that the contribution this year towards the Semi-Centennial Fund will be more liberal than formerly.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year:

Bro. Scott Alfred Burton, Bernard Lodge, No. 225, died September 2, 1905.

Bro. Adam Hess, Bernard Lodge, No. 225, died in Palmerston January 24, 1906.

Bro. Nichols James Thomas, Burlington Lodge, No. 165, died in Walkerton January 26, 1906, and received a Masonic funeral by the brethren of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197.

W. Bro. John Megraw, Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, died March 12, 1906, and on March 14 received a Masonic funeral, the services being conducted by Rev. Bro. O'Neill in a very impressive manner. Bro. Megraw was a charter member of Aldworth Lodge, and one of the oldest and most respected pioneers of this district, and besides the large number of Masons present there was also a great number of citizens in attendance to pay the last sad tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased. The impressiveness of the service was such as to lead one of the citizens considerably beyond the half century to apply for admission into the mysteries of Masonry.

My first official visit in the district was made to Moravian Lodge, No. 431, Edengrove, 13th October, 1905. The attendance of members was all that could be desired; there was also a large contingent of visitors present from Aldworth Lodge. Although this lodge is one of the youngest in the district it can safely be said, to its credit, that there are not many lodges in the district that excel it in the efficiency and uniformity of its work. As there was no regular candidate on hand a substitute was procured, and the first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. The charge by the W. M. and lecture by the J. W. was especially impressive. The books of the lodge are well kept. Peace and harmony prevail among its members. After the lodge was closed refreshments were served, and before parting the King and Craft were right royally honored.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: My official visit to this lodge was made on November 6, 1905. My reception was most cordial, the attendance of members fairly good, and all present were enthusiastic Masons. The work of the evening was the conferring of the first degree, which was done in a very satisfactory manner, and should make a lasting impression on the candidate. W. Bro. Brown makes a very efficient Secretary; the books are well kept and the finances are in good condition. After the close of the lodge a banquet was held at the King Edward Hotel, which was thoroughly enjoyed, proving that the brethren of Forest Lodge are past masters in this art also.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: I paid my official visit to this lodge on November 7, 1905. The attendance of members was only fair. Owing to the recent

removal of the W. M. and several past masters to the northwest the lodge was not in as good shape as could be desired, but under the fostering care and assistance of R. W. Bro. Hutchison I have reason to believe the lodge will soon regain its former position as one of the most progressive lodges in the district. As there was no regular work on hand at my request the W. M. exemplified the first degree on a substitute candidate in a very creditable manner. The financial condition is in good shape, the dues are well paid up and the lodge room comfortable.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater: My official visit to this lodge was made on November 8, 1905. I received a very cordial welcome. The attendance of members was very good. As there was no regular work on hand, at my request the third degree was exemplified on a substitute candidate in a very creditable manner. All the officers, without exception, are to be commended for the way each performed his part of the work. The lodge room is altogether too small, but they purpose erecting a more commodious one this season. After the lodge was closed the fourth degree at the Hotel Vendome was exemplified and celebrated in a right hearty manner.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara: I visited this lodge December 11, 1905, on the night of the election of officers. The attendance of members was good. The election was conducted with harmony and despatch, and a Board of Installed Masters appointed. As there was no further work the lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. The lodge rooms are well equipped and comfortable. Bro. James A. McDonald makes a very efficient Secretary: the books are well kept and finances in good order. After the lodge was closed an enjoyable banquet at the British Hotel concluded the evening's work.

Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth: I visited this lodge December 12, 1905, and received a very cordial welcome. The attendance was all that could be desired. The work for the evening was conferring the first degree, which was given in a very correct and impressive manner; indeed, the Junior Warden's lecture by Bro. Cameron deserves special commendation for the excellency of his rendering of it. The lodge is officered by a competent staff of officers, and its prospects for the future are of

the brightest. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the Herman House, where a very sumptuous supper was served and a pleasant and profitable hour was spent.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton: My official visit was made to this lodge on December 13, 1905. The reception given me was most cordial. The attendance of members was large, including among the number R. W. Bros. Ferguson and Walmsley, besides several Past Masters. This lodge has a corps of enthusiastic officers, who conferred the first degree in a manner highly creditable to themselves and to the lodge. The lodge room is one of the largest and best furnished in the district, having attached to it a large banqueting hall and kitchen. After closing of the lodge the brethren assembled in the banqueting hall, where the fourth degree was exemplified and enjoyed with great enthusiasm. The prospects of the lodge are bright and promising.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: As a member of this lodge I am a fairly regular attendant and am well informed as to the efficiency of its officers. My official visit, however, was made January 5, 1906. The brethren received me with marked cordiality. The work for the evening was an initiation and a passing. The initiation was conducted by the W. M. and his officers in a creditable and workmanlike manner. The Junior Warden's lecture, as rendered by Bro. Grant, deserves special praise. The second degree was conferred on Bro. F. Ross in a very impressive manner by W. Bro. Sheppard. After the lodge was closed refreshments were served in an adjoining room.

Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover: I had the pleasure of making my official visit to this lodge on January 24, 1906. Although this is one of the youngest lodges in the district, it is noted for the excellency of its work. The W. M., assisted by his officers, conferred the third degree on Bro. Bell in a very impressive manner. The lodge room is well furnished and comfortable. Bro. Rogel makes an efficient Secretary, looks well after the financial interests of the lodge. After closing refreshments were served in an adjoining room.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: I visited this lodge on January 25, 1906, and received a most cordial greeting. There was a good attendance of members. The

W. M., assisted by W. Bros. Mickle and Smellie, conferred the third degree in a very satisfactory and impressive manner. The finances of the lodge are in good condition, property insured, and but few members in arrears. After closing the brethren adjourned to the Windsor Hotel, where the fourth degree was exemplified in ample form. The King and Craft being duly honored, the proceedings of the evening closed with the Junior Warden's toast.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham: I visited this lodge officially on February 6, 1906, and received a right hearty and loyal welcome. There was a large attendance of members, besides several visiting brethren from Lucknow and Teeswater lodges. The work of the evening was conferring the second degree on Bros. Nicholson and Vannorman. Both candidates having passed a very creditable examination were passed to the second degree in a very impressive manner by the W. M. and his assistants. The lodge room is large and well furnished; finances in good condition. R. W. Bro. Morton makes an excellent secretary, and besides attending to the duties of his office renders valuable assistance to the W. M. and his Wardens. After the lodge was closed the brethren were served with a nice lunch in their banqueting hall.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine: I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this lodge on February 7, 1906, the night of installation of the W. M. and investiture of the officers for the ensuing Masonic year. There was a large number of members in attendance, besides a goodly number of visitors from Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton. This lodge is the oldest in the district and maintains the proud position of being one of the banner lodges in the district, contributing generously to the support of the charitable fund, and as for hospitality it stands unrivalled. The installation ceremony was in charge of V. W. Bro. Miller, assisted by R. W. Bro. McPherson and V. W. Bro. James McPherson. Each performed their allotted work with superior skill and fidelity, and all are deserving of the highest praise. The lodge room has been recently renovated at considerable expense, and compares favorably with any in the district. After closing the brethren assembled in the dining room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided and enjoyed.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: I visited this lodge

on February 8, 1906, accompanied by R. W. Bro. McPherson, P. D. D. G. M., and several brethren of Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine. We received a very cordial welcome. The attendance of members was good. The work of the evening was an initiation, which was conferred on the candidate by the W. M. and his officers in a very satisfactory manner. The lecture on the tracing board in this degree was given by V. W. Bro. Bruce, and the charge in the Constitution by R. W. Bro. McPherson. Both lecture and charge were delivered with such expression as to warrant the highest commendation. The lodge room has recently been renovated and is neat and bright and handsomely furnished. After closing an adjournment was made to the Mansion House and a most enjoyable time was spent at the festive board, the hospitality of the lodge being unbounded.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: My official visit was made to this lodge on February 13, 1906. The members were assembled in full force, besides a few visitors were present. I was received with much cordiality and enthusiasm. The work of the evening was two initiations, which was performed by the W. M. and his officers with much credit. The brethren own the lodge room, it is large and well furnished, and have an insurance of \$1,800 on the building. The lodge has a very efficient staff of officers, and Masonry is making good progress under their administration. The prospects for the future are most promising. After closing of the lodge the brethren assembled in their dining hall, where all were served with a sumptuous supper, and an enjoyable hour was spent before the J. W.'s toast was honored.

Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, Port Elgin: I visited this lodge on February 14, 1906. The attendance of members was fairly good, several visitors were also present. There was no regular work for the evening, but a substitute candidate was procured and the first degree was exemplified by the W. M., assisted by P. M. Bro. August Smith, in a very correct and satisfactory manner. The lodge room is well furnished and comfortable. The Secretary, W. Bro. G. W. Smith, is an efficient officer, and besides attending to the duties of his office renders valuable assistance to the W. M. and his Wardens. This lodge is making satisfactory progress and its future is promising.

St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels: I visited this lodge March 6, 1906, and was pleased to see such a good attendance of the members as well as a number of visitors from Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter. The third degree was conferred on Bro. Robert Black by the W. M. and his officers in a very creditable manner, and it is a pleasure to commend these officers on their excellent work. W. Bro. Wright makes an excellent Secretary and renders valuable aid in promoting the prosperity of the lodge. After the lodge was closed a very pleasant time was spent with the members and visitors at an excellent supper served at the Central Hotel.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow: I visited this lodge March 8, 1906. There was a very large attendance of members, as well as several visitors from neighboring lodges. My reception was most cordial, receiving a right royal greeting. The work for the evening was a first degree, and was admirably done by the W. M. and his officers. Bro. A. B. McLeod makes a good Secretary and the finances are well cared for by the Treasurer, Bro. Lyons. This lodge is one of the most prosperous lodges in the district and its future is of the brightest. After the lodge was closed the brethren assembled at the Lucknow Hotel, where the fourth degree was exemplified in a most agreeable and hospitable manner.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: I visited this lodge on March 9, 1906, and had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with W. Bros. Foster and Irving. This lodge is one of the largest and most progressive lodges in the district. The attendance of members was large, ten of whom were Past Masters. The work of the evening was conferring the first degree, which was very well done considering this was the first initiation by the W. M. since his installation. The Junior Warden's lecture in this degree, as rendered by Bro. Kelly, deserves special mention, as it was also the first time he had given it. By request of the W. M. and officers I had the honor, on behalf of the lodge, to present a P. M's jewel to W. Bros. Blewett, Hawkins and Binning, as a mark of respect and appreciation of their work while acting as rulers of the Craft. It is needless to say that each brother responded in a very felicitous manner. W. Bro. Foster makes an excellent Secretary. The prospects of this lodge are of the brightest. After the lodge was

closed refreshments were served in the dining room and an enjoyable hour spent.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: I visited this lodge April 10, 1906, and had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with several brethren whom I had known more or less intimately for a good many years. This being my mother lodge, I naturally felt a greater interest, if possible, in its welfare than in any other. There have been many changes in the work and personnel of the lodge since I was first admitted within its portals. I am pleased to be able to state that the progress in Masonic work has been as marked here as elsewhere, and the lodge is to be congratulated on its excellent staff of officers. The attendance of members was large, and included no less than eleven visitors. There was considerable business on hand, no less than six candidates seeking admission, all having passed the ballot successfully, two of whom received the first degree. The work was admirably done by the W. M. and his assistants. After closing the brethren were served with an excellent supper at the Central Hotel, and before adjoining the Junior Warden's toast was received and responded to with much enthusiasm.

In closing this report I again desire to thank the brethren of North Huron District for the high honor they have conferred upon me and the many courtesies I have received at their hands.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

P. McLAREN, D. D. G. M.,
North Huron District No. 5.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in North Huron District, No. 5, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Number of Lodge.	Total No. of all Meets.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Decreas'd.	Regular.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	No. of members in 12 months	Total of all Att'reages.	Prospects of Lodge.	Financial Standings.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.			
93 Neth Light	Kincardine	10	3	4	2	2	1	4	1	2	12	29	\$12 50	1	June, 1906...	\$3300 00	Good			
131 St. Lawrence	Southampton	6	5	4	4	3	1	11	3	14	30	10 00	.....	.....	July, 1903...	Good	Good		
162 Forest	Wroxeter	1	2	1	1	2	1	4	1	13	13	12	10 00	.....	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good		
184 Old Light.	Locknow.	90	3	6	2	2	2	2	1	13	3	5 18	21	5 00	\$42 00	Jan. 1906...	Good	Good		
197 Saugon	Waterton	68	8	2	8	7	4	1	13	3	5 26	20	20	7	3 00	June 25, '05	Good	Good		
225 Bernard	Listowel	96	4	11	5	5	6	7	2	13	5 18	20	45 00	10	98 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good		
235 Aldworth	Pail Ley	53	8	8	8	8	8	8	2	12	2	14	15	.....	9	54 10	June 24, '05	Fair	Fair
276 Teeswater	Peesswater	28	5	5	2	3	2	1	1	11	1	12	12	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	
294 St. John's.	Brussels	66	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	14	14	12	12	.....	3	12 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good
286 Wingham	Wingham	81	5	5	6	2	1	3	7	1	12	1	13	13	81 00	5	49 50	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair
331 Fordwich	Fordwich	43	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	15	12 40	5	40 00	Dec. 1906...	Good	Good	
341 Bruce	Tiverton	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	13	12	.....	5	.....	Jan. 1906...	Good	Good
362 Maple Leaf	Tara	112	12	4	8	8	8	8	4	1	13	6 18	23	.....	26	80 50	Mar. 9, 1906	Good	Good
396 Cedar	Warton	52	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	14	2	16	18	10 00	.....	13 50	Dec. 1905...	Good	Good
429 Port Elgin.	Port Elgin	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	14	12	.....	12	27 00	Jan. 15, '06.	Fair	Fair
431 Moravian	Kedangrove	45	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	65 00	Jan. 1906...	Good	Good	
432 Hanover	Hanover	35	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	7	28 75	Dec. 21, '05.	Good	Fair	
436 Burns	Heppworth	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10	12	12	.....	7	30 00	Jan. 1906...	V'y Good	Good
393 Forest	Chesley	6	6	4	5	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	11	.....	12	43 00	Dec. 27, '05.	Fair	Fair

WILSON DISTRICT NO. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It affords me great pleasure to present my report on the condition of Masonry in Wilson District No. 6 for the past year. I wish particularly to mention the kind and brotherly way that I have been received and the courtesy shown me throughout the year by the officers and members of the several lodges in the district, and I take this opportunity of thanking them one and all for their kindness to me.

I wish, also, to thank the District for electing me to the important and distinguished position of District Deputy Grand Master. I have filled that honorable position to the best of my ability, and I trust that the different lodges have received some benefit from my visits to them.

I have visited the twenty-two lodges in the district and have found the work, generally speaking, very well done. Although I did not see degree work done in all the lodges yet each lodge has added some to its numbers by initiation during the year.

I was particularly pleased with the interest the P. D. D. G. M's and the Past Masters of the district continue to take in the work. This encourages the officers and assists materially in the good work that is being done throughout the district.

Masonry is flourishing in Wilson District No. 6, the true spirit prevails in the lodges, and I firmly believe that the brethren are endeavoring to practice out of lodge those excellent precepts which are ever inculcated in it.

Several deaths were reported to me, among them being Bros. Caley and Norquay, of Erie Lodge, No. 149; W. Bro. Wood, of Vittoria Lodge, No. 359; Bro. Butler, of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, and Bro. Cunningham, of Wilson Lodge, No. 113.

VISITATIONS.

Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford: My first official visit was to this lodge, of which I installed the officers on December 27. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Miles, who is a very active and regular attender. There was a good turnout of the brethren, and several visitors were also present. After the installation ceremony we adjourned to the hotel nearby and sat down to a very elaborate supper, after which we had many short but instructive speeches. Burford brethren own their lodge room, and the lodge is composed of active well-posted Masons.

Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip: I received an invitation to officially visit this lodge on January 4th and install the officers. The night proved very stormy, and it was only after a long wait that the necessary number of members arrived. Shortly after the opening the W. M., who is a doctor, had a professional call to a very critical case, and the officers, elected and appointed, not being present, the lodge was closed and the installing ceremony did not take place. I spent a very pleasant and profitable evening around the festive board, after the lodge meeting, with the few who had braved the storm and come out. I believe there is a considerable lack of interest in this lodge.

Plattsburg Lodge, No. 178, Plattsburg: I visited this lodge on the evening of January 5th. There was a good turnout of the brethren, together with visitors from Woodstock and other lodges. The W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees very well. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. McMahon, of Woodstock. The Past Masters of this lodge seem to take a deep interest in the affairs of the lodge.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe: I visited this lodge on January 9th and installed the officers. The attendance was over one hundred, including visitors from Port Dover, Vittoria, Jarvis and other places. After the ceremony of installation we adjourned to the Melbourne Hotel, where Bro. Brady had prepared a supper in his well-known style. After the repast we spent a short time in listening to instructive speeches and excellent music. There are many active and enthusiastic Masons in Norfolk Lodge.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tillsonburg: I visited this lodge on January 10th. There was a good turnout of the brethren and some visitors were present. Although the officers had but recently been installed they exemplified the first degree in a faultless manner. They have a new and elegant lodge room. The lodge is certainly in an extremely healthy condition. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees. The work of the evening left but little grounds for criticism.

Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton: I visited this lodge on January 12th. There was no degree work. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well. The membership of this lodge is not large, but there are a few active Masons in it. I think the brethren who take an active interest in the lodges in the smaller places and keep them together deserve great credit. We find some in Blenheim lodge.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi: I visited this lodge on February 5th. Although the night was severely cold there was a good turnout of the brethren. It was the first night for the new officers in the chairs. They opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees and exemplified the second degree in a fair manner. With a little more practice I believe the work will be well done, as the officers in the different chairs are enthusiastic Masons.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll: I visited this lodge on February 7th. There was a large turnout of the brethren. The officers exemplified the first degree in a fair manner. Improvement would follow practice.

St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll: I visited this lodge on February 7th, the two lodges in Ingersoll having called a point meeting for my convenience. The officers of St. John's Lodge exemplified the third degree in a fair manner. It is pleasing to note that the utmost harmony exists between King Hiram and St. John's lodges. A pleasing incident of the evening was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel by the members of King Hiram Lodge to I. P. M. Patterson as a slight recognition of his untiring exertions during his term of office.

Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan: I visited this lodge on February 8th. I found a large turnout of the brethren waiting to receive me as representative of

the Grand Master. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first degree was exemplified in a manner that deserves my highest praise. This lodge is having plenty of work and the right sort of material.

Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, Vittoria: I visited this lodge on February 9th and found a large turnout of the brethren of the lodge, together with several visitors from Simcoe, Waterford and Port Dover. The officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees and exemplified the first degree. The large crowd present seemed to make the officers a little nervous on this occasion. Still, however, I can vouch for the good work of this lodge, as I have frequently visited it before.

Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock: I visited this lodge on February 12th. There was a large turnout of the members, and the officers exemplified the first degree in an almost faultless manner.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock: I visited this lodge on February 12th. The officers exemplified the third degree very impressively. Oxford and King Solomon lodges called a joint meeting to receive me as representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. I cannot compliment Oxford and King Solomon Lodges too highly on the efficiency of their work and the quality of the material they are receiving into their lodges.

Springfield Lodge, No. 259, Springfield: I visited this lodge on February 19th. The officers exemplified the third degree on a well posted candidate in an excellent manner. This lodge has been reorganized about a year and a half, and in that time has increased its membership by twenty. A true brotherly feeling exists, and I bespeak a bright future for Springfield lodge.

Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Port Burwell, and Vienna Lodge, No. 237, Vienna: I visited these lodges at a joint meeting held at Port Burwell. Accompanied by V. W. Bro. Biette, of Tillsonburg, I arrived in Port Burwell for dinner, and in the afternoon we drove to Vienna and saw R. W. Bro. Clutton, the Secretary of Vienna Lodge. At the evening meeting the officers of each lodge opened and closed in the several degrees in a manner deserving of much praise. There was no degree work on. After the labor of the evening we adjourned to the refreshment room, where, after partaking of an

excellent lunch, we had many short but instructive speeches. These two lodges are only a little over three miles apart, and I am pleased to say that a very harmonious feeling exists between them. They each have a few very enthusiastic members.

Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford: I visited this lodge on March 7th. The officers worked the first degree in an excellent manner. There was a large turnout of the members, including many Past Masters. This lodge is in a very flourishing condition and harmony exists in a marked degree. There is no brother one year in arrears with his dues. They practice largely that grand and fundamental principle of Masonry—Charity. A motion was unanimously carried while I was in their lodge granting an unfortunate brother \$60. I regretted to have found two irregularities practiced in this lodge. I drew the attention of the W. M. to them and believe my successor will find that they are practiced no more.

Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro: I visited this lodge on March 9th. The officers conferred the third degree. This lodge is not numerically strong, still, however, they have quality in their numbers. I would suggest to the officers of this lodge that they get together and have "grinds" and try to do their work more thorough and up-to-date. I drove from Woodstock to Embro, and must thank the Woodstock brethren who accompanied me.

St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris: I visited this lodge on the 13th March. The officers exemplified the first degree very impressively and correctly. There is a good Masonic feeling existing in St. John's lodge and the work is carefully done. I was called upon to present R. W. Bro. Taylor, I. P. D. D. G. M., with a regalia secured for him by Wilson District as an appreciation of the good work and assistance rendered the district during his incumbency of office.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich: I visited this lodge on March 14th. The W. M. conferred the first degree on one candidate, and the I. P. M. conferred the same degree on another in an excellent manner. "Good Work" seems to be the motto of the officers of St. John's Lodge, and plenty of it seems to be the reward. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Dr. McCurdy, P. D. D. G. M.,

who still takes an interest in his lodge and keeps a watchful eye on the work.

Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland: I visited this lodge on April 9th. I drove from my home, a distance of twenty miles, in a downpour of rain. Owing to the very disagreeable night I did not expect a very large turnout of the brethren, but to my surprise there was a very large attendance of the members of the lodge. They had expected a number of visitors, but the bad night, no doubt, kept them away. The W. M. and officers, assisted by some of the Past Masters, raised a candidate in a fairly satisfactory manner. I am sorry that the brethren do not give better attention to the work and thereby give the officers more encouragement. They retired in large numbers to the ante-room before the commencement of the degree, evidently preferring the social chat to the beautiful words of the degree.

Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover: I visited this, my mother lodge, on May 7th. I had arranged to visit this lodge on March 5th, but a few days before my visit the lodge was very much damaged by fire. The loss was doubly felt, as the brethren had but recently refitted and enlarged the room. However, the brethren "got busy" after the fire and May 7th saw the re-opening of Erie Lodge in one of the neatest equipped rooms in the district. R. W. Bro. Freed, D. G. M., and R. W. Bros. Karn and Kennedy, P. D. D. G. M's, accompanied me on my visit. There was also a number of visitors present from Simcoe, Vittoria, Jarvis, Woodstock, Stratford and other places. There was no degree work, but the officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a creditable manner. A pleasing incident was a presentation from W. Bro. Dr. McIntosh, of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, to Erie Lodge, No. 149, of a bust of our late Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wilson. At the close of the labors the brethren sat down to supper at the Dominion Hotel, after which the brethren received an intellectual treat from Bros. Freed, of Hamilton, Karn and McQueen, of Woodstock, and others.

In conclusion I again desire to thank the brethren of Wilson District for electing me to the high office of District Master. I shall never forget the pleasant hours spent with the brethren of the different lodges, and I

leave the district to my successor in harmony and numerically strong. I wish also to mention the efficiency of the secretaries of the different lodges.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. R. WADDLE, D. D. G. M.,
Wilson District No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in this district during the past year, and in doing so I feel it my duty first to thank the brethren for the high honor conferred on me in electing me to the highest office in their gift. I owe a debt of gratitude to R. W. Bro. J. W. Porteous and R. W. Bro. D. B. Miller for their valuable assistance, but more particularly to R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney for his unceasing kindness. He accompanied me on no less than eight of my official visits. I visited each lodge in the district once, with the exception of Guelph Lodge, No. 258, which I visited twice, and it gives me great pleasure to say that they are all in a flourishing condition.

I took the liberty of appointing Rev. Dr. Eakin, of Waverley Lodge, No. 361, as District Chaplain, and V. W. Bro. W. H. Smith, of Comestogo Lodge, No. 298, as District Secretary, which I reported to the several lodges through the district in my official circular issued August 5th, 1905.

Lodge of Instruction: This meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Guelph, April 13th, and was a large and instructive meeting. Much valuable information regarding the Semi-Centennial Fund was given by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C., who honored us with his presence. We were also highly honored by the presence of M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary, who gave many good pointers on the conferring of degrees. He also showed that this district and Guelph city in particular were not as earnest in their gifts for benevolence as they should be. I desire to express my thanks to the lodges who responded so cheerfully to my request to work the several degrees in this Lodge of Instruction. New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler, exem-

plified the first; Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin, the second, and Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, the third. Of the ritualistic work I can scarcely speak too highly. It is as near perfection as can reasonably be expected. Of course, there are some exceptions, but these are, I think, due to the lack of opportunities for practice.

DEATHS.

There were sixteen brethren called to the Great Beyond, and the names of only nine of these have been reported to me, viz.:

Bro. James Dass, of Mercer Lodge, No. 347, died August 10th, 1905.

Bro. John Bowes, of Irvine Lodge, No. 203, died August 10th, 1905.

W. Bro. Archibald Little, of Waverley Lodge, No. 361, died August 12th, 1905.

Bro. Edward Walker, of Guelph Lodge, No. 258, died August 14th, 1905.

R. W. Bro. T. P. Smith, P. D. D. G. M. of Wellington District No. 7, and member of Irvine Lodge, No. 203, died October 20th, 1905.

Bro. Henry R. Winter, of Preston Lodge, No. 297, died November 26th, 1905.

Bro. George I. Robb, member of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, Philadelphia, Penn., died at Orangeville, November 29th, 1905, and was buried by Harris Lodge, No. 216.

R. W. Bro. John McLaren, P. D. D. G. M. of Wellington District No. 7, and member of Harris Lodge, No. 216, died February 18th, 1906.

V. W. Bro. Richard Johnston, of Blair Lodge, No. 314, died June 12th, 1906.

VISITATIONS.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham: I began my official visits at this point on October 10th. I was met at the railway station by W. Bros. Ireland and McCracken, whom I found to be Masons not only in name but in practice. Two candidates were balloted for, and one initiated in a very creditable way by the W. M., W. Bro. Arthur Gun and his officers. The Wardens, Bro. W. E. Brooker, S. W., and Bro. Frank Harris, J. W., did their work A1. Bro. Frank Harris deserves special mention for the efficient manner in which he delivered the lecture in the south. Bro. W. H. Bean is an energetic Secretary,

his books are well kept. At the fourth degree speeches and songs were given which were both instructive and pleasing.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: I visited this lodge on October 16th, where I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bros. Lambert and Valance, of Harriston Lodge, No. 262. The officers worked a first and second degree. Their books are well kept and everything seems to be in good order. After the lodge was closed a pleasant hour was spent at the banquet with songs and speeches.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: I visited this lodge on the evening of November 8th. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney; W. Bro. T. Rundal, W. M. of Speed Lodge, No. 180; W. Bro. W. A. Mahoney, W. M. of Guelph Lodge, No. 258; W. Bro. Thomas Till, of Wellington Lodge, No. 271 (who now resides in Guelph), and Bros. George Skinner, James Palmer and T. Gemmel, it being P. M's night. A very profitable night was spent. W. Bro. James Kirkwood, of Brampton, the first Master of Wellington Lodge, No. 271, was present and added very much to the pleasure of the meeting. He had a good deal of up-hill work during the three years he was in the chair.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest: I visited this lodge on the 9th of November. This was P. M's night, with W. Bro. W. G. Lowry, the W. M., in the chair. There was no work on, but the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, and I was told by W. Bro. J. S. Ireland, who is one of our burning and shining lights in Masonry, that the regular officers of the lodge are well up in their work.

New Hope Lodge, No. 297, Hespeler: I visited this lodge on the 6th of December. It being their installation of officers there was no work on. The officers were installed by R. W. Bro. Porteous, Alma Lodge, Galt, assisted by W. Bro. John Jardine and your humble servant. The lodge was closed by the new officers in the three degrees without a hitch, which indicates that their work throughout will be well done. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Dr. Lockhart, and was pleased to be accompanied by my distinguished friend, R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney, Sr. After the lodge was closed a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall.

Preston Lodge, No. 279, Preston: I visited this lodge

December 8th. There was no work on, but I was assured by R. W. Bro. D. B. Miller that the officers were well up in their work. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees for my approval. I was very much pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Hepburn, who was a regular attender at our meetings while he resided in Guelph. Under the watchful care of R. W. Bro. D. B. Miller this lodge will not stray from the path of rectitude. He is the most enthusiastic supporter of the Semi-Centennial Fund that I have met so far on my official visits in District No. 7. The lodge room is small, but well furnished and quite comfortable. After the lodge was closed the usual banquet was held, when a pleasant hour was spent with songs and speeches.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph: I visited this lodge on the 12th December; in fact, I may say I seldom miss a meeting of Guelph Lodge, and therefore am in a good position to know how their officers do their work. The W. M. has his work all right; the S. Warden never got his up; the J. Warden is fair; Inner Guard A1; Deacons not bad. R. W. Bro. Mahonev, Sr., is a regular attender, and the success of this lodge is due to his untiring efforts. The lodge gave a banquet and reception more particularly for those of our brethren who visited the Fat Stock Show. Two candidates were passed to the second degree. Books are well and neatly kept by Bro. Ed. Paff.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: I visited this lodge on Past Master's night, December 29th. There was a large turnout of the brethren both of Alma and Galt lodges, where, I am pleased to say, harmony reigns supreme. Alma is in a flourishing condition, and the state of affairs is largely due to the untiring efforts of R. W. Bro. A. J. Oliver, their worthy Secretary. A very pleasing feature on this occasion was the presentation by R. W. Bro. Miller, of Preston Lodge, of a full set of P. D. D. G. M. regalia to R. W. Bro. J. W. Porteous, I. P. D. D. G. M. of the Seventh Masonic District, as a mark of esteem from the district. The P. M's worked a first and the officers of the lodge a second degree. Among the distinguished brethren present were R. W. Bro. Dr. Lockhart and W. Bro. John Jardine, of New Hope Lodge. I was accompanied on this occasion by Bro. Jeff Mahoney, of Guelph Lodge, No. 258. The brethren in Galt have had their rooms newly fitted up and painted, and they are now the

finest lodge rooms in the district so far as I have visited. After the lodge was called from labor to refreshment a very pleasant hour or two was spent in the banquet room, where we were entertained by most excellent singing and instrumental music, also the usual toast list, which was responded to by many able speeches.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: I visited this lodge January 12th, 1906. The W. M., W. Bro. Geo. E. McKowan, was too ill to attend, and W. Bro. H. Hindman, Jr., occupied the East. There were two candidates initiated, the work being fairly well done. The S. Warden, Bro. Wm. McEwan, excels in the West. They are having a successful year, always plenty of work on hand. The books are well kept by Bro. H. McEwing, who is now serving his eighth year as Secretary.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: I visited this lodge on the evening of January 19th. Their lodge room is well furnished and has a bright appearance. There was a large attendance on this occasion. Three doctors occupied the three principal chairs, Dr. W. C. Wallace in the East. A first degree was conferred very good. The books are well kept by the Secretary, R. W. Bro. E. Burns. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney. An excellent banquet was provided, where we had the pleasure of listening to several good speeches on the excellence of Freemasonry.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: I visited this lodge on the 6th of February. The P. M's were to do the work of the third degree, but unfortunately, on account of sickness, the candidate was unable to attend. R. W. Bro. Cowan occupied the chair in the east, and I proposed that they exemplify the work with one of the brethren present, which was done in very good style. I was honored by the presence of R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney, of Guelph Lodge, No. 258; R. W. Bro. J. W. Porteous, Alma Lodge, No. 72, and R. W. Bro. D. B. Miller, Preston Lodge, No. 297. The feature at the banquet was a letter by Rev. Bro. R. T. Knowles on "Canada, our Country."

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin: I visited this lodge February 13th. W. Bro. D. W. Houston, W. M., and officers initiated a candidate in a very creditable manner. W. Bro. Houston is an ideal Master, and is well supported in the West and South by Bros. D. Klein-

haus and Walker. The lodge room is a good size and well furnished. After the lodge was closed a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus: I visited this lodge on March 2nd. I was again accompanied by R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney. E. C. McMeking was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The work was very well done by the W. M., W. Bro. Alex. Shaw and his officers. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Craig, who unfortunately had to retire before the lodge was closed. Mercer has a neat little lodge room and well furnished. I was somewhat disappointed at the small attendance on this occasion, but those who were there, I believe, were zealous Masons, particularly W. Bro. T. N. Wansborough, who is now their Secretary. His books are kept in proper shape. We enjoyed their hospitality in an adjoining room after the lodge was closed.

Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, Drayton: I visited this lodge March 12th. Conestogo is a live lodge. W. Bro. Scar, the W. M., has the work down fine, and he is ably supported by the other officers of the lodge. V. W. Bro. W. H. Smith is an ideal Secretary. There were two initiations and one raising. While in Drayton I visited Bro. Woods, who has been confined to his room for eleven years, and although so sorely afflicted he is quite cheerful and keeps well posted in the business of Conestogo lodge. After the lodge was closed refreshments were served.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston: I visited this lodge on March 12th. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney. One candidate was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W. M., W. Bro. Andrew Fisher, did his work in good style. R. W. Bro. H. Mahoney gave the lecture in the South, as the J. W. was not prepared to give it. He also gave the charge from the Book of Constitution in a very impressive manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. I was very much pleased to meet W. Bros. Praine, Ballins and Lambert, P. M's of this lodge. After work was over we had a very pleasant hour in the banquet hall with refreshments, songs and speeches and the time-honored circle with Auld Lang Syne.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur: I paid my official visit to this lodge March 13th, and was accompa-

nied by V. W. Bro. W. H. Smith, District Secretary, W. Bro. Scar, W. M. of Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, and several of the brethren. The officers of this lodge are not up to the standard with the work, but they promised to apply with double diligence. There was one initiation, with V. W. Bro. R. M. Lindsay in the chair. He also gave the J. W's lecture, and I gave the charge from the Book of Constitution, which was the first work I attempted while visiting officially. After the lodge was closed the time-honored banquet was served.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: I visited this lodge March 26th. This is the banner lodge of Guelph and one of the best in the district. W. Bro. McKinnon, who is the Master, is well up in the work, also Bro. B. G. Gummer, S. W., and Bro. R. S. Cull, J. W. There were two initiations, and the work was well done. W. Bro. Wm. Clark gave the charge from the Book of Constitution in a very impressive manner. R. W. Bro. Dr. Savage and R. W. Bro. C. Pettiford were present, also the sheriff, Bro. Allen, who added much to the pleasure of the entertainment in the banquet hall.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr: I paid my official visit to this lodge at an emergent meeting April 30th. I have nothing but congratulations to offer this lodge for the very efficient manner in which they exemplified the work, also for the opening and closing in the three degrees. W. Bro. A. G. Verchere is letter perfect. Although laboring under a severe cold he worked a third degree in a very impressive manner. Bro. R. Gourlay, S. D., and Bro. J. Reid, J. D., are expert in their work. W. Bro. J. Gillespie, their respected Treasurer and oldest member of the lodge, was present. R. W. Bro. J. W. Porteous, accompanied by the Galt quartette and several other brethren from Galt, were present and furnished good music at the banquet.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph: I visited my mother, Speed Lodge, No. 180, on May 1st. I was made a Mason in this lodge on March 6th, 1894, and having been a regular attender ever since, I can testify that under the guidance of our honored and most respected P. D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. John Scoon, not only the work but also the business of the lodge has always been done after the best fashion. We were honored by the presence of R.

W. Bro. R. Mahoney, whom I might say is a regular attendant of Speed Lodge, also R. W. Bro. C. Pettiford.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: I visited this lodge on the evening of May 7th. The W. M. was conspicuous by his absence on this occasion, but W. Bro. James McClelland, the I. P. M., conferred the third degree in a manner which was a credit to himself and an honor to Scott Lodge. The officers of this lodge are well up in their work, which I have no doubt is due to the untiring efforts of W. Bro. McClelland. Bro. J. E. McIntyre, S. W., will be a star in the East next year. W. Bro. Wm. McIntyre is a painstaking Secretary, his books are well kept. The usual banquet and toast list concluded a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: I visited this lodge May 8th. W. Bro. C. R. McKeown and his officers initiated one candidate into the mysteries of Free-masonry. The work was well done, also the opening and closing in the three degrees. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. R. Irvine and V. W. Bro. Robert Munn, also W. Bro. Preston, whom I have no doubt will at no distant date adorn the office which I now hold. Harris lodge is prospering, always plenty of work to keep the implements bright. After the lodge was closed a pleasant hour was spent, when refreshments were served and speeches without number.

Before closing I should like to put my name on record as being in favor of doing the business of private lodges in the third degree. There are good reasons which could be advanced for making the change which would not be proper to mention here. I know the change could not be made in a day, but I believe the time will come when the brethren will see that to be the better way.

I thank the brethren for the many kindnesses shown me during my official visits. There are many names I would like to mention here, but a name cherished in the memory is more fragrant than written on paper.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. G. STEPHENSON, D. D. G. M.,
Wellington District No. 7-

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table Showing the work done in Wellington District, No. 7, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Total No. of all Mem.	E. A.	Increase during year.	F. C.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Suspensions. N. P. D.	Decreas'd.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Atrears.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standiing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.					
72	Alma.....	Galt.....	13 ⁶	2	4	6	6	2	10	4	14	30	\$25 00	6	\$ 45 00	June, '06	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes Jointly	Yes \$500 00					
151	Grnd River	Berlin.....	157	24	16	15	17	8	13	10	23	16	11 00	8	27 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes \$500 00					
172	Ayr.....	.....	44	5	5	2	2	1	3	9	2	11	15	12	114	60	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 700 00			
180	Speed.....	Guelph.....	82	5	5	5	4	2	1	13	2	14	21	61 75	12	40 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 500 00				
200	St. Albans	Mount Forest.....	60	3	4	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	13	21	15	15	33 50	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 400 00			
203	Irvine.....	Elora.....	57	1	6	3	4	2	2	11	4	15	23	57 00	7	80 00	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 300 00				
216	Harris.....	Orangeville.....	154	7	7	5	7	5	5	12	2	14	24	66 75	26	156 25	June 25, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 300 00				
257	Galt.....	Galt.....	136	3	6	4	10	3	5	5	6	1	13	5 18	27	35	199 00	McL. 8, '06	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 500 00			
258	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	90	4	11	12	10	1	1	2	7	1	13	3	16	22	25 00	17	142 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 300 00	
262	Harriston.....	Harriston.....	84	1	1	6	6	1	1	8	1	12	12	12	12	12	27	83 62	25	95 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 500 00
271	Wellington	Erin.....	71	6	2	6	6	1	1	1	1	12	13	18	18	29 00	30	142 00	June 15, '06	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 300 00		
279	New Hope	Heppeler.....	65	3	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	12	13	9	9	25 00	7	97 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 400 00	
295	Conestogo.	Drayton.....	68	12	2	10	7	6	2	2	1	1	12	6	18	16	64 00	15	93 00	June 14, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 400 00	
297	Preston.....	Preston.....	54	4	5	4	4	4	2	2	1	1	12	1	15	19	49 90	5	60 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes 400 00	
306	Durham.....	Durham.....	55	4	2	7	8	9	2	4	1	1	14	2	16	18	100 00	3	62 25	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 500 00	
314	Blair.....	Palmerston.....	68	11	2	7	8	7	2	2	1	1	12	1	15	19	27 20	15	92 00	Jan. 12, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 500 00	
315	Clifford.....	Clifford.....	37	4	2	4	2	4	2	1	1	1	12	2	14	12	20 00	2	60 00	March.....	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 400 00	
334	Pr. Arthur.....	Arthur.....	54	2	3	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	12	1	15	10	10 00	4	22 00	June 24, '05	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes 500 00	
337	Mercer.....	Fergus.....	60	2	2	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	12	1	15	15	42 25	July 10, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 500 00			
361	Waverly.....	Guelph.....	135	2	7	2	3	2	1	2	6	1	12	6	18	30	33 25	52	59 87	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 500 00	
421	Scott.....	Grand Valley.....	91	4	6	4	8	1	1	2	2	1	12	2	2	2	14	216	24	40 00	5	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Yes 500 00

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 8.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M.
of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in Hamilton District No. 8 during the year ending June 24th, 1906.

In reporting to you regarding my term of office, I wish to thank my brethren for the confidence they placed in me by electing me to the honorable and responsible position of D. D. G. M. I entered upon my office knowing not only that I had a great deal to learn, but that I could not perform the duties of my position without the practical sympathy and the hearty co-operation of my brethren. Both of these have been given to me and my term of office has in this way been made a delightful one to me personally.

During my term of office I have visited all the lodges in the district once officially, besides making several fraternal ones.

I have found the various lodges enthusiastic in the work of the Craft. It has been a continual delight to me to see how familiar the brethren are with the work. Good feeling prevails. Good business methods in regard to the finances of the various lodges are the order of the day. The brethren are seeking for the best and are glad to receive any suggestions that promise a better practice of the Masonic art. There is still room for growth even in our most privileged lodges, and I believe that if the present temper prevails that the next decade will mean development in Masonry that will surprise her most enthusiastic disciples.

It has been my aim to keep the claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund prominently before the various lodges. These are the days of full harvest and of enormous growth in the financial wealth of the country. Of these advantages the brethren have their full share, and

it is their plain duty to provide for the needy widow and orphans of deserving brethren. A brother must be poor indeed who cannot respond to the exceedingly fair request of the Grand Lodge in this particular. The brother who can afford the sum requested but who refuses to pay it is surely lacking in the fundamental virtue of a Mason. The brethren as a general rule have shown a considerable interest in this work, and all that is needed is a little systematic work and this object will be accomplished. I have further urged the brethren to be careful in their choice of officers. As the officers are, so is the lodge likely to be. I have cautioned all to be careful as to whom they admit to the ceremony of initiation. Masonry has no place in her ranks for the self-seeker or the depraved or for those who are incapable of understanding and practising her high standards of thoughts and practice. I have even said that it is better to exclude from her ranks half a dozen good men than by the exercise of a mistaken charity to admit one whose past life gives any reason for the belief that he may prove himself a bad Mason. A Masonic lodge is not a reformatory for the morally derelict nor an hospital for the morally unhealthy. The brethren are coming to their own in this particular. They are coming to see that for the real prosperity of a lodge it is better to have a membership of a score of men who are clean, upright, intelligent and enterprising than to have a membership of a hundred not a dozen of whom command the respect of the choicest spirits of the community.

Masonry should rank high among the forces that make for law and order and for the highest welfare of the community. She can accomplish this only by guarding well her ballot.

Masonry has a great work to do in this new country of ours. Fortunes are being made in a day. Each newspaper has its story of the discovery of vast wealth. Great commercial enterprises of international significance are crowding upon us. The danger is that in the midst of our hurry that we forget that we are men and brothers. Masonry is the friend of labor, of industry, of foresight and of enterprise, but she is, above all else, a great spiritual force that stands for elemental manhood and for fraternity. She should look upon commerce as being man's handmaid and not as his shackle.

This Masonic year has marked the close of the labors of some of our brethren. To all who mourn their absence in the family circle or in the lodge room the sincerest sympathy of the Craft is warmly tendered. Especially I take the privilege of mentioning my immediate predecessor in this office, R. W. Bro. Fred. Walters. Bro. Walters was a true Mason, he cherished the loftiest ideals of life both as a man and as Mason. No one was more willing than he to help the discouraged or to share what he had with those in need. Many a world-worn spirit has been cheered by his handclasp and by his cheery word. He is greatly missed both as a man and as a citizen. Among others who have passed away and whose loss we sincerely mourn I desire to mention: W. Bro. A. Cowan, W. Bro. Samuel George Moore, Bros. Hugh Shaw, Stewart Malloch, G. W. Spackman, John Ross, Henry Watson, Francis Fitzgerald.

In conclusion I desire to thank all the brethren who accompanied me on my official visits in this connection. I wish to make special mention of the services of Bro. S. Frank Smith, who has so ably acted as my Secretary.

Then let us pray that come it may,
As come it will for a' that.
That sense and worth o'er a' the earth
Maun bear the Gree and a' that.
For a' that, and a' that.
It's coming yet, for a' that,
That man to man this wide world o'er
Shall brithers be, for a' that.

REPORT ON LODGES.

Temple Lodge, No. 324. Hamilton: I visited this lodge on the 10th of October, 1905. This was the occasion of my first official visit. On this occasion I was presented with a very beautiful regalia, for which I wish to thank the brethren of the district. W. Bro. E. F. Lazier was in the chair, his officers all being present. A brother was raised to the sublime degree of a M. M. I may say that I never saw this degree worked better; its solemn teachings were brought out impressively. I found the books well and neatly kept. Members in good standing 314. After the lodge was closed the J. W. invited us to an exemplification of the fourth degree. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster: I visited this lodge on the 7th of November. I was welcomed by a good attendance of the brethren. The membership of this lodge is 100. Ten candidates were initiated, passed and raised during the Masonic year. The lodge owns its own building and is in good financial standing. I found the books neatly and correctly kept. The first degree was worked by the W. M., assisted by his officers. The work was specially well done.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington: Visited this lodge on the 6th of December, 1905. There was a good attendance of the brethren. They have initiated four during the year. They have held 12 regular and 2 emergent meetings during the year, average attendance 28. Finances are in good condition. I find this to be quite a benevolent lodge. This being the night for the election of officers I was asked to officiate, and I must say everything passed off as it should. On the following evening, December 7th, they held an At Home in a neighboring building, at which we spent a very enjoyable evening along with the ladies. I cannot speak in too high terms of the efficiency of this lodge.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton: I visited this lodge on December 8th, 1905. There was a large turnout of members and visitors, this being the occasion of their annual meeting. Among the distinguished brethren who were present upon this occasion I might mention M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. F. H. Howell, R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Holden, V. W. Bro. Thomas Pedler, V. W. Bro. Greenhill, V. W. Bro. A. T. Neill and others. I might say that I found the books well and neatly kept. Finances all that could be desired. They have initiated 29 during the year, passed 27 and raised 23. They held 13 regular and 11 special meetings. Total membership 344. This being the night for election of officers, I presided at that function, everything passing off very satisfactory. This lodge is doing exceptionally good work.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek: I visited this lodge on December 11th, 1905. There was a very good turnout of the brethren, besides a number of visiting brethren. Our Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Howitt, and R. W. Bro. G. C. Holden were present with us. This lodge has a membership of 139. Average attend-

ance 35. They initiated 8 during the year, passed 9 and raised 11, while 2 joined by affiliation. They held 11 regular and 4 special meetings. Finances are in excellent condition and they carry an insurance of \$600 on furniture. W. Bro. A. E. Walker, assisted by his officers, initiated a candidate. I do not know that I ever saw the floor work better done. I look upon Wentworth lodge as being an up-to-date lodge.

The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton: I visited this lodge on December 15th, 1905. This lodge has a membership of 356. Financial standing one of the best in the district. They initiated 17 during the year, while six joined by application. They lost 7 by death. R. W. Bros. T. M. Davis, F. J. Howell, Birrell, Simpson, Holden, Gunn, Walters and Hutchison were all with us upon this occasion. I noticed that this lodge was well up in the payment of dues; arrears were quite small as compared with other lodges. This speaks well for W. Bro. W. C. Morton, who is a very efficient Secretary.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton: I visited this lodge on December 21st, 1905. There was a large turnout of members and visiting brethren. W. Bro. Zimmerman and his officers I know did their work well, although I am speaking from memory, having lost or mislaid my private notes taken on the occasion of my visit. They did some work, and the floor work was all that could be desired. This being the night for the election of officers I was asked to preside, everything passing off as it should. W. Bro. Wilson and his officers, I am confident, will keep up the standard of the lodge. They have a membership of 424. The increase during the year has been 22. They have held 11 regular and 8 emergent meetings. Average attendance 72. Prospects of the lodge are good.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook: I visited this lodge on December 27th, 1905. As this was the night for installation of officers I was asked to assume the gavel and perform that function, which I did, assisted by W. Bro. Greenfield. There was a fairly good attendance both of the members and visitors. The officers installed were all good men, and I bespeak for them a prosperous year. This lodge has 50 members. They have held 12 regular meetings during the past year, although they have only initiated two candidates. Average attendance 13.

Finances are in a healthy condition. They have given away in charity during the year \$50.00. Books are fairly well kept.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove: I paid my official visit to Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove, on February 6th, 1905. This being my mother lodge, it goes without saying that it is a lodge that I take a particular interest in. Of course, I consider it a perfect lodge, as its number indicates, 3-5-7, all being perfect numbers. This lodge has been somewhat handicapped this year, its W. M., W. Bro. Douglass, being absent almost continuously since his installation. They have initiated six, passed eight and raised two during the year. Number of members on roll, 87. They have cash on hand \$220.00. They have given away in charity this year \$86.00. There was a good attendance. W. Bros. Ryckman, Smith and Flatt worked the second degree, passing three candidates in a very creditable manner. This being the night for the election of officers, the honor of conducting the same fell upon myself; the same passed off very harmoniously. After the lodge was closed we were entertained at a very sumptuous repast in the room below the lodge room.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton: I visited this lodge on February 8th, 1906. The W. M., W. Bro. Crazier, assisted by his officers, worked the first degree in a very creditable manner. This lodge has initiated 5, passed 9 and raised 6 during the year. They have held 16 meetings during the year. They seem to be thoroughly alive and doing good work. In fact, the only thing that I felt like critizising was the fact of them having \$180.00 dues in arrears. I outlined to them their duty in this respect. They have a very nice lodge room and are financially in a good condition. At the banquet following we were entertained quite handsomely.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown: I visited this lodge on February 9th, 1906, accompanied by my Secretary, W. Bro. Smith, together with W. Bro. Easterbrook, of Burlington Lodge. This is a most progressive lodge; they seem to have got a lot of new and good blood in it and they are thoroughly alive to their work. W. Bro. R. C. Adams, assisted by his officers, worked the first degree in a very effective manner, and, in fact, taking it all around, I think Georgetown stands second to none. They

have paid out in benevolence \$35.00. There are practically no back dues, and they are doing good work. After the lodge was closed the J. W. invited us all to the banquet room, where we all did good work.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville: I visited this lodge on March 6th, 1906. There was a good attendance both of members and visitors. W. Bro. W. T. Marshall, assisted by his officers, worked the Fellowcraft degree in a highly effective manner. They have a membership of 128. They have had 12 regular meetings and 3 emergent ones during the year. They are financially quite sound, besides looking well after all benevolent schemes. They carry a good insurance on their property, and their books are well and neatly kept. After the lodge was closed we were highly entertained until the "bus driver called "All aboard."

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford: I visited this lodge on March 13th, 1906. Up till the time of my official visit 16 meetings had been held during the current Masonic year. The number of members on the roll is 202; average attendance, 35. During the year they initiated 15, passed 9 and raised 7. The Secretary and Treasurer are both bonded, and the funds of the lodge are kept in chartered banks. The building is rented jointly with Doric lodge and the Chapter. An insurance of \$1,500.00 is maintained on the furniture of the lodge. Ten per cent. of initiation fees and 15 per cent of dues are systematically set aside for benevolence. During the year this lodge spent \$160.00 in benevolence. The records are neatly and correctly kept. The W. M. and his officers worked the second degree in a highly creditable manner. Special mention should be made of the fine manner in which the S. W. gave the lecture on the tracing board.

Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford: I visited this lodge on March 16th, 1906. There was a very large number of members and visitors present. This lodge being thoroughly alive and up to date, and wishing me to see everything that went on during the evening, invited me to be present before the lodge was opened, a privilege that I gladly accepted. After the lodge was opened the W. M., W. Bro. J. A. Spence, and brethren gave me a hearty welcome. There were no degrees worked during the evening, but there was good work done. An entered apprentice was examined for advancement; may all such

be as well posted. The illustrated lecture was given by the J. W. The charge was given by the Senior Deacon. The lodge was then opened in the second degree. A Fellowcraft was examined for advancement. The illustrated lecture was given by the Senior Warden. The charge to Fellowcraft was given by the Inner Guard. The lodge was then opened in the third degree. A Master Mason was then examined by the J. W. "The Ideal Mason," presentation of button, R. W. Bro. J. D. Liddell. This lodge initiated 40 during the present year. All O. K. financially. Books well and neatly kept. "Toil and pleasure, in their nature opposites, are yet linked together," therefore we close for refreshments.

St. George Lodge, No. 243, St. George: I made my official visit to this lodge on April 5th, 1906. This lodge is in excellent shape, financially and otherwise. There were about 30 members present, besides a number of brethren from Paris, Dundas and Waterdown lodges. I also found in this lodge that there were more arrears of dues than I cared to find on the books. This lodge has a membership of about 67. They had 3 initiated during the year. There has not been anything contributed as yet towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, neither had they given anything away during the year to benevolence. The W. M. and officers are all well up in their work. After the lodge was closed we were handsomely entertained at a banquet prepared by the Junior Warden.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton: I visited this lodge on April 9th. Total members, 52. The number initiated, passed and raised during the year was 4. All resident members' dues were paid in full. Cash on hand, \$300; liabilities, none. Amount subscribed for Semi-Centennial Fund, \$72. Books and records well and neatly kept. The W. M. and his officers worked the first degree in a very creditable manner. This is a lodge of young men, full of life and hope. After the close of the lodge the J. W. invited the brethren to the banquet room.

The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton: I visited this lodge officially on June 1st, 1906. This being the annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year, I had the honor to preside at this function. Everything passed off as it should, all officers being elected by accla-

mation. This is the oldest lodge in the Hamilton district. The W. M., W. Bro. George Moore and his officers are all well up in their work. There were 11 regular and 6 emergent meetings held during the year, with an average attendance of 86; one meeting was for attending the funeral of our late Bro. Samuel George Moore; 4 for conferring degrees, and one for receiving the travelling trowel from the Washington Lodge, No. 240, Buffalo, N. Y. There were 32 degrees worked during the year, with 12 initiations. I was informed that their object was not so much to increase their members, but rather to improve the standing and efficiency of its members, and from what I saw and heard I am of the opinion that their efforts have been crowned with success. \$400 have been handed over to M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray on account of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. There are 353 members in good standing. I am informed that the greater portion of the outstanding dues will be collected before St. John's Day. W. Bro. George Moore, with his officers, members and Masonic friends to the number of 166 travelled to Detroit, Michigan, on Saturday, 21st April, and placed the travelling trowel in the custody of W. Bro. Olen J. Knott, W. M. of Detroit Lodge No. 2, Detroit, Michigan. In conclusion I desire to say that it pleased me to know that The Barton Lodge, although the oldest lodge in the district, is not only alive and up to date, but is probably the most youthful if it is not the baby lodge.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia: I visited this Lodge on June 6th, 1906. I drove out from Hamilton and had a very pleasant drive, but when I got there there seemed to be a difficulty to get a quorum to open lodge. The lodge was opened up at 9 o'clock with nine present, one-half of them being Past Masters. W. Bro. Dr. H. Maw, assisted by two Past Masters, gave a candidate his second degree in a very efficient manner. I was also well pleased at the very efficient way that W. Bro. James Old gave the lecture on the tracing board. There seemed to me to be a lack of interest taken in the lodge. After the lodge was closed down we were handsomely entertained in the fourth degree work.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas: I visited this lodge on June 11th, 1906. This lodge has a membership of 122. They have held 12 regular and 3 emergent meet-

ings during the year. There have been 13 added by initiation and 7 by affiliation during the year, showing that they have been thoroughly alive. They have given away in charity during the year \$51, and have a cash balance on hand of some \$464. Very little outstanding dues, which shows that they have a very good Secretary in R. W. Bro. Latshaw. Bro. W. H. Bates, the W. M., is very energetic in his work. This being the night of election of officers, I was invited to assume the gavel for that purpose, everything passing off quite harmoniously. Prospects for this lodge are bright.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, Flamboro: I visited this lodge on June 15th, 1906. Worshipful Master J. K. Menchin being absent at Camp Niagara, I did not witness any floor work. This lodge has initiated 10 during the year. They have held 12 regular and 5 emergent meetings during the year. The lodge is in good standing financially and otherwise, and prospects for future bright. They have given considerable away in benevolence.

Dundurn Lodge, Hamilton: I visited this lodge on June 16th, 1906. This lodge is under dispensation at present. There were 16 charter members. They have initiated 14 during the year and 11 have joined by affiliation, making in all 41 members at present. They have held 11 meetings during the year; average attendance being 48. They have given, along with the other city lodges, \$100 towards the Sanitorium on the mountain, and yet stand four square to all the world financially. W. Bro. John Hooper, along with his officers, are certainly whooping the baby lodge along and deserve all the eulogy I can heap upon them. I certainly think they are deserving of their charter or warrant of constitution.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton: I visited this lodge on June 18th, 1906. Bro. David Gibson, W. M., in the chair. This is one of the strongest lodges in the district, having a membership of some 298. They have initiated 32 during the year. They have held 12 regular and 8 emergent meetings. On this occasion there was a very large turnout of members as well as visiting brethren. I consider all the officers of this lodge well up in their work. This lodge has some \$2,200 invested in good security. No liabilities. This being the night for election of officers, I was asked to preside; everything passed off quite harmoniously.

In laying down the gavel of this office, I must confess that I have performed its duties at considerable sacrifice of time, yet I forget all this when I remember the value of Masonry and the services that she renders every day, not only to the members of the craft, but to Canada and to the Motherland. At times I have felt the burden of office almost too heavy, for there are comparatively few who believe that benevolence and brotherly love should be above the dollar. While I hope to continue to take an active part in the work of the craft till I am summoned to the Grand Lodge above, I feel no small measure of relief in turning once more to the quiet hills and fields, for

A country lad is my degree,
An' few there be that ken me, O ;
But what care I how few they be,
I'm welcome aye to Nannie, O.
Come weal, come woe, I care na' by,
I'll tak' what heaven will send me, O,
Nae ither care in life hae I
But live an' love my Nannie, O.

My work has had its imperfections, but I ask you to

Pardon now, the bold outlaw,
Rob Roy MacGregor, O ;
Grant him mercy, gentles a',
Rob Roy MacGregor, O.
Let your hands and hearts agree,
Set the Highland laddie free,
Make us sing wi' muckle glee,
Rob Roy MacGregor, O.

J. O. McGREGOR, D. D. G. M.,
Hamilton District No. 8.

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NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Number of Lodge.	Total No. of All Mem.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations.	Resolutions.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Decrees.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Prospects of Lodge.	Financial Standings.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.			
6 The Barton Hamilton	353	10	1810	11	4	1	8	2	612	921	38	\$6340	22	\$8346	June 25, '06	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly		
27 Strict Obs. Hamilton	367	8	1317	18	8	2	6	1111	819	21046	24700	9	2813	June 24, '06	2813	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly		
40 St. John's Hamilton	422	33	3029	3	3	6	21	1916	10	47	72170	95	2813	June 24, '06	2775	Dec. 27, '05	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
45 Brant	200	24	2119	16	10	4	7	21216	27	29	12400	24	2775	Dec. 27, '05	16400	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	Jointly		
57 Harmony	43	6	2324	25	5	2	6	13	13	14	3000	54	16400	Dec. 27, '05	16400	Dec. 27, '05	First-Class	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Yes	Jointly	
61 Acacia	349	15	1416	15	8	2	1	1111	1112	17	6400	6	3900	Dec. 27, '05	3900	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	Jointly		
62 St. Andrew Caledonia	54	5	1	5	4	5	6	1111	1112	12	6400	6	3900	Dec. 27, '05	3900	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	Jointly		
100 Valley	122	16	1416	15	8	2	1	2121	517	41	6800	13	5131	Dec. 27, '05	5131	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly		
121 Dundas	346	38	404340	8	2	5	3	4111	1829	49	30083	24	13950	Dec. 27, '05	13950	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly		
135 St. Clair	46	4	346	4	6	2	1	1111	1112	8	715	23	11600	Jan. 1, '06	11600	Jan. 1, '06	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly		
165 Burlington	65	6	1	6	5	1	1	1111	1112	13	316	23	1000	9	6475	Dec. 27, '05	6475	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
166 Wentworth Stoney Creek	140	9	1	9	6	6	1	1111	1112	12	315	38	5000	Dec. 31, '05	10000	Dec. 31, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly		
319 Credit	88	4	2	3	1	2	1	1111	1112	12	113	21	5000	Dec. 31, '05	1655	July 1, '06	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly		
243 St. George, St. George	69	5	1	5	4	4	1	1111	1112	12	315	12	5000	Dec. 31, '05	9400	Dec. 31, '05	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	Jointly		
172 Seymour	99	3	8	9	10	1	4	1111	1112	13	215	35	3000	12	13000	Dec. 27, '05	13000	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
291 Dufferin	79	6	1010	9	9	2	1	243	518	15	10400	20	12000	June 24, '06	12000	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	Jointly		
321 Walker	49	5	3	4	3	2	1	1111	1112	13	215	11	4	9000	Dec. 27, '05	9000	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly	
324 Temple	381	23	1420	18	20	3	2	1111	1112	13	1023	46	45	3000	Dec. 27, '05	45	3000	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly
357 Waterloo, Millgrove,	90	5	2	7	9	7	2	1111	1112	13	519	28	8606	Dec. 27, '05	8606	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	Jointly		
382 Doric	77	28	363727	2	5	1	1	1111	1112	13	922	11	61190	Dec. 27, '05	61190	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly		
400 Oakville	126	3	1	1	1	1	3	1111	1112	13	31	20	10300	Dec. 27, '05	10300	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	Jointly		
U.D. Dundurn	42	24	1413	13	12	12	12	1111	1112	13	10510	5	2650	Dec. 27, '05	2650	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	Jointly		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT NO. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of submitting the annual report of the condition of Masonry in No. 9 District. It is with much pleasure that I report the district, as a whole, is in splendid shape, the various lodges keeping up their work in the true Masonic spirit and generally showing a desire to admit none but those who will do honor to the Craft.

There are now twenty-three lodges comprising the district, and it makes it difficult for the ordinary business man to cover the ground. Most of the lodges would rather the official visit be held on the regular meeting nights, and where so many perhaps hold their regular meetings on the same night it is impossible to meet the wishes of all, but the lodges most kindly acceded to my request for special meetings or I could not have visited half of them. In addition to the regular official visits I had the honor of representing the Grand Master in the dedication of Victoria Lodge, Victoria Harbor, on October 12th, 1905, and Tottenham Lodge, Tottenham, on October 20th, 1905, reports being duly forwarded to you thereafter.

I read to every lodge the notices issued by the Grand Master to the D. D. G. M's. and urged in every lodge the advisability of liberally subscribing to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and most of the lodges appeared to cheerfully acquiesce. Whether it will take effect the future will disclose.

I desire to thank No. 9 District for conferring on me the greatest honor that lay in their power to bestow, and by such a splendid vote, as to hearten me in my endeavors to carry out the duties imposed on me, which, if not carried out to the satisfaction of all, I trust that no action of mine will cast any reflection on the high office held by me during the term, and if at times I have felt that I was

devoting to Masonry hours which I should otherwise have given to my business interests I have felt amply rewarded by the high position and the universal kindness and courtesy accorded me. My thanks are due to Bro. C. T. Stephens, of Manito Lodge, No. 90, for his excellent services to me as District Secretary.

Remembering the instructions given at Grand Lodge to be as brief as possible in reports of the visits, I submit (reluctantly) a rather short statement of such, but which may perhaps answer the purpose. I submit herewith tabulated statement of the District.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie: Visited this lodge November 24th. Splendid attendance of members, well equipped lodge. The E. A. degree was exemplified in a very able manner by W. Bro. Beacroft, who showed himself a good presiding officer, well supported by his officers, and the well earned reputation of Kerr Lodge is losing nothing in the hands of its present officers. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a very handsome and valuable loving cup to R. W. Bro. Morgan by the Barrie brethren on his departure for Deseronto. The presentation was made in an eloquent address by I. P. M. Rev. Dr. Whitten and V. W. Bro. Hallett, and responded to by the R.W. Bro. in a very feeling manner. The banquet was all one could desire, and the speeches and songs were such as to make one feel "sorry to part, happy to meet again."

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood: Visited Manito, my mother lodge, December 27th, 1905. No degree was conferred, but a deal of routine business transacted. I have so often seen the work of the W. M., W. Bro. A. H. Johnson (who is re-elected for a second term), and his officers, that I feel that they will bear a favorable comparison with any lodge in the district.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud: Paid official visit March 20th, 1906. I was met and most hospitably entertained by R. W. Bro. Cowan at Barrie. After supper I was taken in charge by some of the Barrie brethren and driven to Stroud. W. Bro. W. B. Ardell and his officers conferred the F. C. degree in a manner that left little room for criticism. There was a good attendance, although a very severe night. A new lodge is in contemplation, but the brethren have decided to first accumulate funds for a new room in preference to running into debt.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown: Visited March 21st, 1906. E. A. degree was well carried out by W. Bro. Sissons and his officers, and the lecture was well given by the Junior Warden. Attendance not very large owing to absence from home of many members and a bad night. A very pleasant time was afterwards spent at the refreshment table.

Tottenham Lodge, Tottenham: Visited March 26th, 1906. Small number present owing to bad weather. E. A. degree fairly well worked by the W. M., W. Bro. J. McCabe and his officers, Bro. Potter, an energetic officer, acting as Senior Warden. The lecture was well given by Bro. Fraser, J. W., and though few in number at the banquet afterwards there were enthusiastic responses to the usual toasts. Bro. D. G. Livingstone, one of the charter members, was desirous of having his name on charter as a charter member; he signed on one petition, but not on the duplicate. He is an enthusiastic member, and feels aggrieved at the omission, through no fault of his.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton: Visited March 27th, 1906. Good attendance, although a dirty night and roads bad. F. C. degree was conferred in an able manner by W. Bro. Mills, the W. M., and his officers. Lecture well given by S. W. At the close of the work (at the request of the brethren) I presented W. Bro. A. W. Macdonald with a P. M. jewel as a token of esteem from his brethren. He replied in a very feeling manner.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston: Visited March 28th, 1906. Very good attendance. E. A. degree conferred in an excellent manner by the W. M., W. Bro. H. Norris, and his officers, and the lecture was well delivered by the J. W. Their valued Secretary, V. W. Bro. H. W. Wright, was so ill as to be unable to attend. At the close the brethren sat down to an excellent repast and were entertained by the pleasant and humorous speeches of Bros. Fisher, Wallace and others.

Nitetis Lodge, No. 444, Creemore: Visited March 29th, 1906. Splendid attendance. Excellently furnished lodge, and well laid out ante-room. Saw nothing whatever of the W. M., who, I was informed, had an engagement elsewhere for that evening. His place, however, was well taken by W. Bro. Joseph Hood, who conferred the M. M. degree in a very touching and feeling

manner, ably supported by his officers. At the close the lodge adjourned to a sumptuous feast, after which the brethren showed themselves to be adepts in speech making and songs.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton. Visited April 10th, 1906. Fair attendance, taking weather into consideration, dark night and roads bad to travel. M. M. degree conferred in an able manner by W. M., W. Bro. John Wright, and his officers. After close of lodge repaired to ante-room, where the wives of the brethren had prepared a very tasty repast for us, and had evidently made preparations for a much larger attendance, after which the time passed pleasantly in listening to the excellent remarks of W. Bros. Richards, VanDucen and others.

St. George Lodge, No. 88, and North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound: Visited April 11th, 1906. Both these lodges kindly consented to a joint meeting in their very large and beautifully furnished room, which was filled to its utmost capacity. The E. A. degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the W. M., W. Bro. J. A. Richardson, of North Star lodge, and his officers, and am doubtful if the work done by them could be excelled, and which was greatly enhanced by the assistance of their Masonic choir, among whom were some splendid voices. The J. W.'s lecture was well delivered. The M. M. degree was exemplified in a very able manner by the W. M., W. Bro. Little, and officers of St. George's lodge, and its impressiveness was added to by the same well trained singers. At the close of the lodges the brethren repaired to the large dining hall, where all enjoyed the feast set before them, after which there were some excellent speeches by the Masters of the two lodges, R. W. Bro. McKnight, W. Bro. W. H. Wright and others, and some splendid songs rendered by some of the gifted brethren of the choir.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, Dundalk: Visited April 12th, 1906. Not a very large attendance owing to dark night and bad state of the roads, but those present were enthusiastic members. The M. M. degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the W. M., W. Bro. R. D. Armstrong and his officers, and though, comparatively speaking, a young lodge, their prospects are bright, and they possess a painstaking member in their Secretary, Bro.

Mountcastle. At the close an excellent repast was indulged in, the usual toasts given and responded to briefly. This being the third night in succession I had indulged in somewhat late hours, the brethren took compassion and let me off comparatively early.

Coronation Lodge, No. 446, Elmvale: Visited April 23rd, 1906. Good attendance. F. C. degree conferred in an excellent manner by W. Bro. W. A. Sneath, the W. M., and his officers. This is a comparatively young lodge, but its prospects seem bright and its officers capable and enthusiastic. The usual repast and toasts were indulged in and were enjoyed by all.

Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene: Visited April 24th, 1906. Good attendance of members. F. C. degree well conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Geo. Robinson, and his officers, who were all present with the exception of the S. D. After closing the brethren sat down to a well furnished table. The usual toasts were given and responded to in a suitable manner, with some excellent remarks from the W. M., W. Bro. Hewson, I. P. M., W. Bro. Wright and Rev. Bro. Gibbons and others, with some splendidly rendered songs from the W. M., who possesses a fine voice and knows how to use it, and who most kindly, the following day, devoted a deal of his time in driving me around to the chief points of interest in Penetanguishene.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 249, Midland: Visited April 25th, 1906. Good attendance of members. M. M. degree conferred in an excellent manner by W. Bro. W. E. Montgomery, the W. M., a young and enthusiastic brother, ably supported by his officers. Well furnished lodge room and a well got up ante-room for refreshments and other social purposes, where an excellent supper was prepared for those present, after which the usual toasts were given and responded to in some able speeches by the very capable P. M's and brethren, and an excellent orchestra added greatly to the evening's entertainment.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie: Visited May 3rd, 1906. Splendid attendance. M. M. degree conferred by W. Bro. Donald Ross, the W. M., and his officers in such a manner as to leave no room for criticism. After closing the lodge adjourned to the banquet room. After supper the usual toasts were given and responded to by clever and capable brethren, amongst them W. Bro. Ross, W. Bro. Cowan, Rev. Dr. Whitten and Irwin. They

also possess some brethren with great musical talent, which added greatly to the entertainment. There were quite a few visitors from other lodges, W. Bro. Ardell and a number of brethren from Stroud being in evidence. The Barrie lodges undoubtedly possess many clever and capable brethren.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg: Visited May 8th, 1906. Good attendance of members. The W. M., W. Bro. Kent, was called away, at the last minute on professional duties which he could not avoid. The M. M. degree was well conferred by a P. M., W. Bro. Rodgers, and his officers. This is a good lodge, and nothing is to be feared in Masonry when they possess such staunch members as R. W. Bros. Kent, Pye, V. W. Bro. Dicksen, R. W. Bro. Pedwell and others. The fourth degree was thoroughly appreciated, after which a most pleasant time was spent in speech and song.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford: Visited May 11th, 1906. Good attendance. E. A. degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Finlay, and his officers, and the lecture well rendered by the J. W. The lodge is to be congratulated in possessing such an energetic brother as V. W. Bro. F. A. Clark, whom I regard as the mainspring of the lodge. The brethren know well how to entertain, and after supper an enjoyable time was spent in matters pertaining to Masonry in general.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia: Visited May 18th, 1906. This is the lodge of my worthy brother and predecessor, R. W. Bro. Wakefield. The E. A. degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Tudrope, and his officers in a manner such as I expected from a lodge having such a reputation, and they are adepts in matters of entertainment, a most enjoyable time being spent and enthusiastic responses made to the usual toasts by R. W. Bro. Wakefield and others.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford: Visited May 25th, 1906. Fair attendance, considering the night and the state of the roads, wet and dirty weather. The E. A. degree was well exemplified by W. Bro. D. E. Green, the W. M., and his officers, and the lecture well rendered by the J. W. At the close the brethren adjourned to refreshments and the usual toasts and responses were given. The lodge is fortunate in possessing as Secretary W. Bro. A. E. Scanlon.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner: Visited June 5th, 1906. I was accompanied on my visit by Bro. C. T. Stephens, District Secretary. Waited a long time before lodge opened; barely a quorum. The W. M., Rev. Mr. Coburn, well up in the work of the M. M. degree, assisted by the J. W., and that worthy Bro. W. B. Sutherland, of Barrie, who fortunately happened in that evening and took the S. W. chair. At the close the brethren were hospitably entertained with refreshments and speeches, W. Bro. Sutherland making some very appropriate remarks. The impression was left on my mind that from the scanty attendance there was some bad influence at work, and not that unanimity which should be, in consequence of which I believe the lodge to be a sufferer.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne: This lodge I did not visit, as unfortunately the lodge and myself were unable, at the outset, to arrange date that would be mutually agreeable. The Master afterwards very kindly endeavored to have me pay my official visit, but I was unable from pressure of business to do so.

Victoria Lodge, Victoria Harbor: This lodge I also did not pay an official visit to, at request of the W. M., who was himself unable to be present, and I had already visited this lodge previously and was satisfied that the lodge was in good shape.

Finally I must congratulate those hard working and often unremunerated brethren, the various secretaries of the lodges in the district, for the manner in which they carry out the many duties imposed upon them, and there is little doubt that the welfare of the lodge is largely dependent upon them. I found, upon examination of the books, the work was well done, as was also that of the various treasurers.

Respectfully and fraternally,

A. D. KNIGHT, D. D. G. M.

Georgian District No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Georgian District, No. 9, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Number of Lodge.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Total No. of all Mem.	F. A.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Decreas'd.	Regrat.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Atreages.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
236 Manitoba...	Cookstown.....	57	3	2	4	6	1	3	2	13	1	14	24	\$4000	5	\$1500	Dec. 31, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	\$30000		
234 Beaver	Clarksburg.....	71	5	2	5	3	5	2	1	12	3	15	17	.....	2	1200	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	30000	
444 Nitetus	Creamore.....	60	10	9	10	1	1	3	1	1	8	2	10	20	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	20000
79 Simcoe	Bradford.....	69	4	5	3	1	1	3	1	1	12	6	20	25	1709	8125	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	40000	
466 Coronation.....	Elinvale.....	65	13	1	12	13	11	1	1	13	2	15	17	5000	11	3300	Jan. 06, '06	Good	Good	Good	Yes	50000		
377 Lorne.....	Shelburne.....	68	2	7	5	4	1	1	5	13	2	15	26	600	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	20000
304 Minerva....	Stroud.....	65	11	11	10	9	1	1	1	13	2	15	26	600	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	10000
266 N'tn Light.....	Beeton.....	92	3	2	4	4	1	2	1	1	1	6	9	18	2950	Mar. 1, 1905	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	40000	
386 Spy.....	Psychoras.....	109	11	10	5	3	1	1	3	2	13	5	18	40	10500	4	3164	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	60000	
449 Moaford.....	Dundalk.....	38	7	3	6	1	3	3	1	12	3	15	13	500	2	788	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	30000		
467 Tottenham.....	Tottenham.....	37	5	5	3	4	1	3	3	13	4	17	37	2500	46	15050	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	120000	
392 North Star.....	Owen Sound.....	156	13	12	11	12	4	3	3	11	1	12	13	5300	6	8425	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Good	No	10000		
333 Pr. Arthur.....	Fletherton.....	52	4	4	4	3	3	3	1	1	11	2	13	23	3570	9	7250	June 26, '06	Good	Good	Good	Yes	125000	
230 Kerr.....	Barrie.....	105	4	3	4	4	4	5	1	11	1	12	35	2000	21200	Jan. 24, '06	Excel'nt	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	60000
96 Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	173	8	4	10	7	2	1	1	11	1	12	35	2000	21200	Jan. 24, '06	Excel'nt	Good	Good	Good	Yes	60000
88 St. George.....	Owen Sound.....	137	7	16	7	4	6	1	1	3	10	1	14	25	9000	8	6000	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	60000	
285 Seven Star.....	Alliston.....	76	10	2	9	9	6	1	1	2	18	20	9	00	10	5000	Dec. 27, '05	Fret. Cl'ss	Good	Good	Good	Yes	100000	
249 Caledonian.....	Midland.....	134	1	10	6	7	1	1	9	3	1	12	18	25	.....	.....	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	100000
348 Georgian.....	Pentang'shene	53	7	9	9	8	1	2	1	12	17	24	25	00	20	8500	June 8, '05	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	30000		
470 Victoria.....	Collingwood.....	163	3	10	9	5	8	3	1	8	1	12	17	33	5000	14	17000	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	80000	
192 Victoria.....	Victoria Harb'r	55	10	9	7	5	2	1	1	2	11	11	22	4000	36	12000	Dec. 19, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes	35000		
192 Orillia	Orillia	140	4	16	17	10	1	1	2	11	11	22	42	2000	36	42700	July 9, '06	Good	Good	Good	Yes	150000		

NIAGARA DISTRICT NO. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry during the past year in Niagara District No. 10, and in doing so permit me first to thank the brethren for the honor conferred and confidence reposed in electing me to the important office of D. D. G. M., and also for the courteous and kindly manner in which I have been received by the officers and brethren of the various lodges in the Niagara jurisdiction on my official visits.

Each lodge has been visited by me at least once, and I am pleased to report accurate, uniform and perfect work without a single exception, evincing in a marked degree much zeal and energy on the part of the members, while at the same time the social side has not been neglected, especially the musical part.

On my official visits I presented to the Masters, officers and members of the different lodges in Niagara District the aims and objects of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and I firmly believe that the matter will receive more careful consideration than in the past.

I regret being unable to give a correct report of the deaths of the members of the Craft.

I am pleased to report that in nearly all the lodges the Past Masters assist in the work, and that the membership is increasing, and from what has come under my own observation, as well as from reliable reports, the new members are men of excellent reputation.

In conclusion, allow me again to thank the brethren throughout the district for the many acts of kindness I have received on my official visits.

VISITS.

King Edward VII. Lodge, Chippewa: I paid my official visit to this lodge on October 4th, 1905, and dedi-

cated the lodge on that date, and in this I was nobly and ably assisted by W. Bros. J. P. Wilson and Rev. Dr. Johnson, of Copestone Lodge; Murray, of St. Mark's; Leubsdorf, of Maple Leaf, and Bald and Hoover, of Mountain Lodge, and many other visiting brethren from American and other lodges.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis: I visited this lodge on November 10, 1905. The attendance was good and work well done. W. Bro. Jaques, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. Noble were present and gave material assistance. Ample accommodation in lodge and ante-rooms, and rooms are well furnished. Lodge is progressive.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga: My official visit to this lodge was made on November 16th, 1905. R. W. Bro. J. Hoshal took me in hand at once and introduced me to the lodge in his usual able and happy manner and made an excellent Masonic speech. Bro. Hoshal is an enthusiastic Mason. Attendance good, including visitors from other lodges. Bro. Rev. Leslie Howard, Chaplain, gave a nice address. All the appointments of this lodge are good.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville: I visited this lodge on December 27th, 1905. This lodge has a very large membership and is progressive, containing as it does some very old and enthusiastic Masons. My welcome here was very hearty indeed, and amongst other veterans I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Tipton. Unfortunately, on account of sickness in his family, his stay with us was very short. Needless to say, the work here was of the highest order. Splendid social entertainment after close of lodge.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg: I visited this lodge on January 16th, 1906. Attendance fair, including visiting brethren from Pnyx, No. 312, Wallaceburg; Occidental, No. 766, Buffalo; St. John's, No. 35, Cayuga; St. John's, No. 40, Hamilton, and Clifton, No. 254, Niagara Falls. Work done by W. Bro. F. T. Pattison in a most satisfactory manner. All appointments good. Banquet afterwards.

Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland: Visited this lodge on February 1st, 1906. Attendance large; work most satisfactorily done. Visitors from other lodges present. Here I met an old friend and enthusiastic

Mason in the person of the Rev. Gabriel Johnstone. Lodge room well furnished and comfortable. Excellent banquet followed, with abundance of first-class speeches and songs.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold: I visited this lodge on February 2nd, 1906. Attendance was good, 65 members having signed the register. Among the visitors were V. W. Bro. B. J. Leubsdorf, of Maple Leaf, No. 103; W. Bro. John McCraw, Maple Leaf, also visitors from St. George, St. Mark's and Temple Lodges. R. W. Bro. W. J. Bald and V. W. Bro. R. G. Hoover took a prominent part in introducing visitors. Work done was good.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls: Visited this lodge officially on February 6th, 1906. Work in the first degree well done. Musical service published by Grand Lodge rendered in this lodge for the first time, and was a decided acquisition. Visitors: M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Lodge Secretary; W. Bro. E. E. Fraser, M.L.A.; W. Bro. Griffith, P. M. Clifton lodge, and W. Bro. R. F. Carter, W. M. Clifton, and Bros. Petit and Cohoe, Welland. Sumptuous repast after close of lodge, accompanied by speech and song. W. Bro. A. S. Murray performed the work in a masterly manner without an error. R. W. Bro. Bottomly was present and gave valuable assistance.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville: My official visit to this lodge was made on May 31st, 1906. Attendance fair, several brethren being present from other lodges. Lodge continues to grow in interest, zeal and enthusiasm. The Wardens are careful in their work and try to be successful. All the officers are consistent in their work and anxious to succeed. Better and more suitable quarters should be obtained as soon as possible, thereby giving more encouragement to the members.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York: Visited this lodge on June 15th, 1906. Attendance fairly good. Visiting brethren: R. W. Bro. Hoshal and W. Bros. Sheppard, Bunn and Barnum from St. John's, Cayuga, and Bro. T. Beswetherick from Hiram Lodge, Hagersville. Work fair. Excellent and appropriate speeches from the visitors. Lodge room and property in fair shape.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie: I visited this lodge May 9th, 1906. Attendance large, and the

lodge shows signs of progress and enthusiasm. Lodge owns the lodge room and it is free from debt. All appurtenances and appointments good. No debts of any kind. Work well done by enthusiastic Masons. Prospects bright indeed.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport: I visited this lodge on May 1st, 1906. Lodge owns lodge room and it is free from debt, and it is well fitted up and reflects much credit on the members. Appointments good. No arrears of dues. Work well and accurately done.

McNab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne: Visited this lodge on April 4th, 1906. Work in the third degree creditably done. Attendance over 40, including many P. M's. Lodge room in fair condition. Appointments fair. Books well kept. Semi-Centennial Fund fully paid up. After close of lodge plenty of speeches, song and story.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines: My official visit to this lodge was made on March 29th, 1906. The work done was in the second degree. Visitors present: the M. W. the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bros. Robertson, W. J. Johnston, C. H. Connor, W. J. Droke, R. G. W. Connelly, W. F. Bald, R. G. Hoover, L. Yale and the Worshipful Masters of St. Mark's No. 105, Niagara No. 2, Mountain No. 221, Myrtle No. 337, St. George No. 15, Temple No. 296, and the S. W. of Clifton No. 254; also Past Masters, officers and members from practically every lodge in the district. Bro. Leubsdorf was also present and took an active part in the work, as well as in the entertainment of the distinguished visiting brethren. Appointments and finances in excellent shape. Banquet as usual was on a grand scale, over 450 in attendance, and the speeches and addresses were excellent and suited to the occasion.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines: I visited this lodge officially on March 28th, 1906. Was introduced to the lodge by R. W. Bro. Robertson and W. Bro. Mc-Intyre. Candidate initiated, after which I addressed the brethren present on the Grand Lodge messages re Masonic clothing, public functions, and Semi-Centennial Fund. Visitors present from Maple Leaf, St. George and Mountain lodges, and from England, Scotland, Port Dalhousie, Peterboro and Hagersville. Work well and impressively done. Refreshments after close of lodge in lunch room.

St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines: I visited this lodge on March 27th, 1906. Attendance 60. Work was done in the third degree in a most careful and accurate manner. Numerous visitors from the other city lodges and surrounding country. Here again I met W. Bro. Leubsdorf, who takes an active part in everything pertaining to Masonry, is a skilled ritualist, and always ready and pleased to assist. Banquet held after close of lodge.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson: I visited this lodge on March 6th, 1906, the regular meeting. Good attendance, including some of the old members. All the officers are only recent Masons, but did good, accurate, and impressive work. Nice lodge room. W. Bro. Bennett, late deceased Secretary, missed much. Entertained at supper afterwards, attended by wives and friends of brethren. Good speeches and excellent singing.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland: Visited this lodge on March 5th, 1906. Attendance good; number present, 42. W. Bro. Pattison communicated the secret work of Fellowcraft degree in an able, correct and faultless manner. Appointments and finances in good shape. Banquet held afterwards at which appropriate speeches and songs were given.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls: I visited this lodge on March 9, 1906. Attendance, 59, including 15 visitors from other lodges. Five applications received and read. All the work was done creditably. Lodge room, appointments and finances in fair order. No music. Lodge growing apace with the young city.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara: I paid my official visit to this lodge on February 7th, 1906. Attendance good. Lodge room in fair condition. Lodge opened in the third degree. A feature of the evening was the presentation to the lodge of three beautiful pedestals for lodge use by a young craftsman, being his own handiwork. A number of Past Masters were present, among them W. Bro. John Knox, for 33 years a member of the lodge, and who in all those years missed only three meetings, although living several miles out of town. Banquet following was all that could be desired. Lodge building owned by the lodge. Lodge sent \$20 for last two years to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby: I visited this lodge on

February 8th, 1906. Forty out of 85 members present, including 12 Past Masters and R. W. Bros. Droke and Forbes and W. Bro. Harrison. Our initiation music and appointments all that could be desired. Dues well paid. Lodge free of debt. Semi-Centennial Fund in hands of committee. Four applications read. Past Masters help in work. Everything in good shape.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville: I visited this lodge on June 5th, 1906. Large attendance. Visitors from Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, and Union Lodge, No. 7. Received by W. Bro. F. S. Prudholme. Lodge opened in second degree and member raised to the Fellowcraft degree. D. D. G. M. W. B. Robertson addressed the lodge, giving message from Grand Lodge. Excellent banquet followed.

Again I wish to thank the brethren for all favors received during my official visits, and hope and bespeak for my successor the same kindly treatment that has been accorded to me.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBT. McDONALD, M. D., D. D. G. M.,
Niagara District No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Niagara District, No. 10, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Mem- bership.	Degree's confir- med	Meet- ings held.		Aver- age atendance of members.	Total mem- bers.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Pri- ma- nical Stradi- ng.	Prospec- cts of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insur- ance.					
					Mem- bership.	Mem- bership.												
35	St. John's.	Cayuga	63	4	3	3	12	14	\$ 6 00	14	\$ 65 50	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Yes \$ 400 00				
329	King Solomon	J. B. Vis	60	7	4	6	5	14	22	5 00	14	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Yes 2 0 00				
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls.	145	11	11	3	2	4	13	7 21	3	53 50	June 24, '06	V. Good	Yes 7 0 00			
221	Mountain	Thorold	101	3	6	5	3	2	23	95	11	52 50	June 24, '06	Good	Yes 7 0 00			
185	Finiskill's	York	26	1	2	1	1	1	14	11	11	94 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Yes 200 00			
33	Dufferin	Wellandport	54	3	3	2	1	1	11	11	25	3	18 00	June 24, '05	Frat. Cl. ss	Yes 100 00		
373	Copetown	Welland	60	5	4	2	1	1	2	13	16	50 00	5	Fair	Yes 400 00			
471	King Ed'w	Chippewa	39	16	14	13	1	1	12	8 20	26	20 00	6	Fair	Yes 150 00			
163	Macnab	Port Colborne.	70	4	3	2	1	1	1	12	3 15	12	20 00	6	Good	Yes 400 00		
168	Merritt	Welland	93	4	3	3	6	7	1	1	13	4 17	20	30	Good	Yes 350 00		
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	81	5	3	3	5	4	2	...	3 13	3 16	20	46 00	1	Good	Yes 400 00	
296	Temple	St. Catharines.	63	2	2	5	4	4	1	1	14	15	70 00	14	Fair	Yes 500 00		
277	Seymour	Pt. Dalhousie	47	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	12	14	12	40 00	De. 27, '05	Good	Yes 400 00
105	St. Mark's	Niag. Falls S	116	13	11	14	11	10	1	1	14	5 19	37	15 00	8	Good	Yes 400 00	
102	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines.	156	...	2	3	7	1	1	1	1	15	90	85 00	19	Good	Yes 300 00	
2	Niagara	Niagara	69	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	10	11	16	26	...	Good	Yes 1600 00	
337	Mytie	Port Robinson	43	8	3	2	8	10	1	1	4 11	3 14	12	56 3	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Yes 300 00	
319	Hiram	Hagersville	35	1	6	5	5	5	1	1	5	1 9	10	11	90 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Yes 300 00
15	St. George	St. Catharines.	110	7	6	7	8	6	2	4	1	12	9 21	15 00	2	Good	Yes 1300 00	
32	Amity	Dunnville	101	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	9 21	15 00	2	Good	Yes 500 00	

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In order to complete my duties as your representative in Toronto West District, No. 11, I submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry for the past year. At the outset I wish to convey my sincere thanks to the brethren for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me unanimously to the high and honorable position of D. D. G. M. I must say that I entered upon the duties with some misgivings, at the same time knowing full well that the desire of my heart was to do my duty to the utmost of my ability. In so doing I have had the generous and individual support of the brethren throughout the whole district, and to all of them I am indeed grateful. I cannot pass further without at the outset appreciating the satisfaction which I have experienced by reason of the splendid work done by my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, who left the district in a most healthy and prosperous condition in every respect. R. W. Bro. Duncan is also to be thanked for his kindness in assisting me with his careful and learned advice at all times, and I also desire to express my gratitude to M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait and W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, District Secretary, and others, for their assistance and words of counsel.

Desiring to fill my office with every satisfaction possible I required the assistance of an able District Secretary, and feel that in selecting W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, a Past Master of Harmony Lodge, No. 438, for that position I made no mistake, for with his time so fully occupied as Chairman of the Board of Education of the City of Toronto and otherwise, he has been most assiduous in his efforts to meet all requirements of that position.

Sympathy for those in need compels me to first speak

of the question of relief throughout the jurisdiction comprised in the Masonic district over which I have had the distinguished honor to preside. The worthy object of relief promulgated by M. W. Bro. Judge Harding in the name of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund I will deal with later in this, my message to Grand Lodge, but I desire at this juncture to say, from my study of past reports, that the individual lodges in the district have never done more in the matter of relief than during the present year. **Aside** from the question of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, there has been nearly \$2,000.00 contributed towards benevolence, which to my mind speaks well for the true Masonic spirit of relief that prevails among the brethren. I trust this progress may continue, as with all the beauties of Masonry there is none so necessary to uphold as Masonic relief.

Associated with my good R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. of Toronto East District, No. 11a, a dispensation was obtained for a Masonic service to be held in St. James Cathedral, Toronto, on the afternoon of the day of the festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24th, 1906, when some one thousand or more Masons listened to a splendid sermon by the Rev. Bro. Professor William Clark, of Trinity College, Toronto. A similar dispensation was granted to River Park Lodge, Streetsville, for the same date, visiting brethren from Ionic Lodge, Brampton and other places being in attendance. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, the preacher on the occasion being Rev. Bro. C. H. Rich, I. P. M. of River Park Lodge.

Recently it was brought to the notice of the M. W. the Grand Master that a number of the worshipful brethren and Past Masters throughout my Masonic district were unintentionally appearing at lodges and other Masonic functions dressed in regalia unmasonic or contrary to the Constitution of our Order, and to fulfil the duty cast upon me as D. D. G. M., and at the request and direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, I was necessarily compelled to make mention of this important matter at a number of the meetings of lodges held particularly in my own district in Toronto, and am glad to report that at the time of presenting this message the practice has become extinct.

One of my first official duties, at the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, was to constitute

and consecrate Peel Lodge, No. 468, Caledon East, at which I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Irvine, of Orangeville, R. W. Bro. Crystal, of Beeton, and a number of qualified brethren from all parts of the district, including Toronto, I conducted that most pleasant and profitable function, and at the close installed their officers in due form, full particulars of which will be found recorded in the Grand Lodge report.

I have been privileged to visit with the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on three or four occasions, and his earnest and eloquent words on the subject of benevolence and the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund must have reached the hearts of his hearers to awaken renewed interest. At nearly all my official visits I have addressed the brethren on the subject of the S. C. B. Fund and have endeavored in every way possible to promote more interest in this excellent project, and while the brethren have not all contributed, yet a large number have done so, and I believe that in time nearly all will do their duty. To my mind it may be necessary to extend the time limit for collection beyond the three years. If this is thought advisable, from my experience in this district, I believe that the desired amount will eventually be forthcoming.

In making my visits I noticed with a great deal of pleasure the invariably good attendance of the Past Masters, who, by their presence, aid so materially in keeping up the zeal and energy of the younger members as well as assisting, by their advice and experience, in administering the affairs of the lodge. The year has been marked by a fair degree of prosperity. In this district 334 candidates have been initiated, but unfortunately 29 deaths have occurred and 33 brethren have been suspended for N. P. D. This leaves a net increase of 272.

I may say that there are no unthrifty or degenerate lodges in the district. Surroundings have conspired to make some better than ours, but all are making the best showing possible, i. e., the best that present circumstances will permit of. The true Masonic spirit of character building, developing the rough ashlar into a perfect for the Master's use, is served just as satisfactorily in the country as in the city lodge.

I find throughout the whole of this territory perfect harmony, and I am most grateful to report that nothing has occurred throughout the lodges of my district to mar

their prosperity either between the lodges or its members.

Believing that accuracy and uniformity in our work is most essential, I determined that my efforts should be in that direction, and when making my visits I felt it my duty in most instances to take note of every inaccuracy, however small, and I endeavored to instruct, as far as my knowledge would permit, which I found was most acceptable to the brethren. In fact, the frankest criticisms were always received with unfailing courtesy, owing to the desire to be put just right. I corrected wherever I found it necessary and complimented only when it was deserved.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Anxious and desirous to obey the recommendations and requirements of Grand Lodge, and in order to ensure uniformity of work throughout the two Toronto districts, a joint Lodge of Instruction was held by the direction of R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. Toronto East District No. 11a, and myself in the Masonic Hall, Temple Building, Bay street, Toronto. The work was divided between the lodges of the two districts. The three degrees were exemplified in full. The first degree by W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, W. M., and the officers of Wilson Lodge, No. 86, G. R. C., Toronto. The second degree by W. Bro. John McCurrah, acting W. M. and the officers of Beaches Lodge, U. D., East Toronto. The third degree by W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan, W. M., and officers of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto. Over 350 members, representing 29 of the lodges in the Toronto districts, were present. The work was particularly well done in every instance and received much commendation from Past Grand Lodge officers and others qualified to judge. I have no doubt but that much good will result. This being a Lodge of Instruction, we decided that no banquet was necessary, but light refreshments were served in buffet style by Ionic and Wilson lodges.

Speaking for myself, I am deeply grateful to the Worshipful Masters and officers of the several lodges for their kindness in so willingly responding to our request and so perfectly presenting the different degrees.

The district is comprised of 22 lodges. Eighteen install their officers in December, so that a change of officers is effected at the time when the lodges should be do-

ing their best work. If the officers' year ended concurrent with the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge the installations would then take place in June, the work throughout would be more satisfactory and much good would be accomplished. The work of each Master could begin and end with the Grand Lodge year and the work of new officers would practically begin in September, as but few lodges meet during the months of July and August. The advantage to the D. D. G. M. would also be very great, as he would then have a full year to make his official visits, whereas now nearly all the work must be accomplished in about five months.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

I regret to report that eleven of our lodges have been visited by deaths during the year and 29 of our brethren have been summoned to that sublunary abode where the Great Architect of the Universe reigns for ever and ever. The reports received are as follows:

King Solomon, No. 22.—W. Bro. Frank Maile, Bro. Patrick Langton and Bro. Geo. Ball.

Rehoboam, No. 65.—Bro. Edward Predam and Bro. J. B. Robinson.

Wilson, No. 86.—R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Patterson, Bro. J. G. Gibson, Bro. S. Meadows, Bro. Frederick Y. Clarke, Bro. William Hanknammer and Bro. R. H. C. Crean.

Ionic, No. 229.—Bro. John Cockburn Brown and Bro. Henry Burnett.

Ashlar, No. 247.—Bro. W. N. Crone and Bro. J. R. C. Fulton.

Patterson, No. 265.—Bro. William Eadie.

Zetland, No. 326.—V. W. Bro. James Wilson.

Mimico, No. 369.—Bro. A. Franklin.

Alpha, No. 384.—Bro. George L. McBurney, Bro. Samuel Levy and Bro. Frederick G. Steinberger.

Stanley, No. 426.—W. Bro. John Colvin and Bro. Wm. Hinde.

Harmony, No. 438.—Bro. Edward Beumann, Bro. Thomas Muir, Bro. Frank M. Kerins, V. W. Bro. Wm. Walker, Bro. Robert Fair.

Victoria, U. D.—Bro. William Hynes.

R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Patterson was a member of and reported by Rehoboam, Harmony, Zetland and Wilson lodges.

NEW LODGE.

Victoria Lodge, under dispensation, is doing magnificently, and, in my opinion, should be granted a warrant.

VISITS.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, Toronto: W. Bro. Joseph H. M. Meek, W. M. This is the oldest lodge in the district, and among its members are numbered some of my best friends. My official visit was made at their regular meeting held March 8th. I was pleased to greet R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, V. W. Bro. N. T. Lyon, V. W. Bro. Raymond Walker, and Bros. Daniel McDonald, W. H. Scott, Wm. Anderson, John McKeracher, Robert McClelland, Robert Home and Samuel Hollingsworth, all Past Masters of this splendid old lodge. I was sorry to be informed that V. W. Bro. John Hall was unable to attend on account of illness. There was a fair attendance of members. The first degree was exemplified for my inspection and candor compels me to say that it was not done quite as smoothly as I had hoped or anticipated from the record of this lodge, due, I think, from physical nervousness on the part of the W. M., and not due to ignorance of the proper way, and for want of more practice, perhaps, than had been the privilege of the officers to enjoy to attain the degree of proficiency that is expected from a lodge that enjoys the advantages of a city lodge. The work of the Inner Guard, Bro. Claxton, was faultless. The brethren have so far subscribed \$377.50 to the S. C. B. Fund: \$237.50 of this amount has been collected. The finances are in good shape. The books are well kept. The Past Masters have a strong hold on the lodge, and I have no doubt 'ere long its position will be one of the foremost. I cannot close this report without referring to the almost irreparable loss this lodge sustained in the death of W. Bro. Frank Maile, W. M., who passed away very suddenly at his place of business almost at the closing hour of his year of office. Of him it can truthfully be said he had no enemies, but was beloved by all who were fortunate enough to have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple: W. Bro. James B. McLean, W. M. This is the semi-centennial year of this splendid lodge. I visited it for the purpose of inspection on Tuesday evening, June 5th. This was really

my last official visit, and the reputation of this lodge is so well known throughout the district for good work and for its capabilities in entertaining visitors that arrangements had been made for a large party of present and past Grand Lodge officers and prominent brethren in connection with the craft in Toronto to accompany me, but, owing to a very recent bereavement in the home of W Bro. James B. McLean, W. M., I cancelled the invitation. W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, I. P. M., of Wilson, my mother lodge, accompanied me. There was, however, a good attendance of members and visitors, the following Past Masters of the lodge being present: W. Bro. J. A. McDonald, J. T. Saigeon, R. M. Hawden, L. Richardson, J. Kaiser, N. Shunk, D. Johnston, Thomas Cousins and J. H. Kirby. The lodge was also favored with the presence of R. W. Bros. H. A. Nicholls, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bro. D. Hill, W. M. of Richmond Lodge; W. Bro. Amos Maynard, W. M. of Blackwood Lodge, accompanied by many of their Past Masters, officers and members, also W. Bros. Wilson Wilby and Alex. J. Anderson, Past Masters of Humber and Stanley lodges respectively. It had been my privilege prior to this visit to witness the work exemplified by the present W. M. and officers of this lodge, and I had hardly on this occasion expected to meet with W. Bro. McLean in the lodge room, as he had been detained at a sick bed for the two weeks previous, but his deep sense of duty, notwithstanding the terrible strain under which he had been laboring, compelled him to take his place as usual. The lodge opened and closed in the three degrees and a candidate examined as to his proficiency in the degrees, and the work was done in a manner almost faultless, and I have no conscientious scruples in reporting that the present officers of this lodge can perform the work in the three degrees in a manner seldom excelled. The brethren own their lodge room; might be said to be wealthy; have \$1,800.00 insurance on building and contents. The membership of this lodge is now 40, being an increase of but two for the year. For years it has not been increasing very rapidly, but the quality of the candidates introduced cannot be questioned. W. Bro. Leeds Richardson, the genial and very capable Secretary, is a Past Master of long standing. He is very devoted to the duties of his office. He reports but eight brethren twelve months in arrears for dues, and the

total of all arrearages being \$67.00. Thirty-one dollars has been paid in to the Secretary of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and more will doubtless be forwarded for that worthy object. At this lodge the wives and daughters and sweethearts of the brethren take an active interest in the working of the fourth degree, and the banquet furnished for this occasion was most sumptuous, and had it not been for the sadness above referred to the evening of June 5th would have been the very best in the history of this old lodge, which came into existence fifty years ago. W. Bro. Richardson presided at the banquet in the absence of W. Bro. McLean, and the cause of his absence was regretted by every one present.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65. Toronto: W. Bro. J. Webber Payne, W. M. I visited this lodge officially on the occasion of their regular meeting on Thursday, April 5th. I had the pleasure of being introduced to the lodge by the D. of C., an old friend, in the person of W. Bro. Walter H. Blight. Over two hundred members and visiting brethren were present, and the reception accorded me was most enthusiastic. Among the visiting brethren were W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman, W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge; W. Bro. W. P. Thomson, W. M. of Wilson, my mother lodge; W. Bro. E. R. Dransfield, W. M. of Zetland Lodge; W. Bro. R. W. Brennan, W. M. of St. George Lodge; W. Bro. Edward Barber, W. M. of Zeta Lodge, and R. W. Bro. W. R. Howse, P. D. D. G. M., also R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, P. D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs, V. W. Bro. Andrew Park, and many other distinguished brethren of this lodge, as well as a large number of Past Masters of city lodges. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified for my inspection, the usual ceremony being aided by a beautiful musical service, and it is my pleasure and privilege to report that the work throughout was admirably done, its impressiveness and correctness of detail being especially marked. The affairs of this lodge have been presided over for a great many years in an able manner, and I am quite sure that W. Bro. J. Webber Payne, the present W. M., is not one whit behind his predecessors. I further predict for Rehoboam a year of great prosperity when the present genial S. W., Bro. John O'Connor, becomes its chief ruler. The records of this lodge show a membership of 300, with but 18 brethren in arrears for dues, and the

total of all arrearages being \$130.00. W. Bro. George H. Mitchell is Secretary, and my experience is that he attends to his duties promptly, his books and records are models of neatness and unexcelled in this district. Financially the lodge occupies a position well up in the front rank. While it has not as yet contributed largely to the S. C. B. Fund, its donations for special objects of relief for the year amount to the large sum of \$598.70. The proceedings at the festive board were most enjoyable. The speeches were good and a first-class musical program was presented, presided over by W. Bro. Mitchell, who, by the way, is the author of the beautiful musical service used by this lodge. I had previously visited this lodge on the 2nd of November, the occasion being a reception to M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., and the annual reunion of Past Masters. Among the visitors were the M. W. the Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Fred. W. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11a; R. W. Bros. Aubrey White and W. D. McPherson, P. D. D. G. M's; R. W. Bro. H. T. White, G. J. W.; V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, G. J. D. The Grand Master was received by W. Bro. R. C. Harris, W. M., and Rehoboam choir welcomed him with musical honors. During the evening W. Bro. Daniel McDonald presented to the lodge a portrait of the late V. W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, M. P., who was a Past Master of Rehoboam of many years standing; the name of the donor was not disclosed. W. Bro. C. H. Mortimer occupied the chair at the reunion of Past Masters, the other chairs being ably filled by the well known P. M's of this lodge. The Grand Master spoke at some length regarding the S. C. B. Fund, explaining its objects and the duty of every brother regarding same. I shall not attempt to enlarge upon the importance of this gathering, but it was certainly one of the best of the year.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto: W. Bro. W. P. Thomson, W. M. The third Tuesday in the month being the regular meeting night of four of the lodges in my district, and the installation of the W. M. in each taking place in December, I was not privileged to meet with the brethren of this, my mother lodge, as regularly as I wished, or as hitherto been my custom, and not for purposes of inspection till the regular meeting on Tuesday, the 15th day of May. The pleasure of my visit on this occasion was enhanced by the company of R. W. Bro. F.

W. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. of Toronto East District No. 11a, and to him I delegated the responsibility of commenting on the work presented for inspection. His report is as follows: "I cheerfully acceded to the request of my Bro. Carleton to accompany him on his official visit to his mother lodge for more reasons than one. The R. W. Bro. knew quite well that Wilson lodge could do almost faultless work, but his native modesty made it difficult for him to say so, and I was glad of the opportunity to take the duty for him and relieve him from any embarrassment. I had received so much assistance from him and kind attention from W. Bro. Walter P. Thomson, W. M., W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, I. P. M., and from the other members of Wilson lodge, that it was a pleasure to comply with any call they saw fit to make on me. I had ample opportunity during the year to familiarize myself with the doings of the lodge and the standing of its officers, and what I witnessed on the occasion only confirmed the opinion I had already formed. For efficiency, hospitality and good Masonic work, Wilson lodge ranks among the best lodges in Toronto, and there is no master more capable or energetic in the cause than W. Bro. Thomson. His successful efforts have been ably seconded by W. Bro. Segsworth and the other officers. The third degree was exemplified in a most satisfactory manner. No fault could be found with it. The only mistakes I called attention to during the evening were those made by the two District Deputies. W. Bro. Thomson, W. M., is a good ritualist, and also, I may say, an able executive head, and presides ably at the fourth degree. Bros. R. W. Parkinson and Carl Lehman filled the respective positions of Senior and Junior Warden satisfactorily in the absence of the regular officers—so satisfactorily that I would have taken it for granted that they had occupied these offices for some time had I not been otherwise informed. The choir, under the leadership of Bro. Wm. Gillespie, and accompanied by Bro. Stapells, was particularly pleasant. As regards the kind attention I received at the hands of Wilson lodge on other occasions, and my pleasant intercourse with R. W. Bro. Carleton, is it not chronicled in my own report. The evening was a most enjoyable one. I was also pleased to greet on this occasion R. W. Bros. J. B. Nixon and Aubrey White, P. D. D. G. M's of this district; V.

W. Bro. H. T. Smith, G. J. D.; V. W. Bro. Thomas W. Barber, G. D. of C.; V. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, also W. Bros. A. E. Hagerman, J. Webber Payne, R. E. Port and H. R. Tudhope, W. M's of St. Andrew's, Rehoboam, Alpha and Orillia lodges respectively, accompanied by many Past Masters and brethren. This lodge has contributed so far \$440.00 to the S. S. B. Fund, over \$100.00 more is subscribed, and I have no doubt that the amount asked from each and every member will be in the hands of the Grand Secretary within the next year. The success of collecting the amount for this worthy object is largely due to the personal efforts of W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth and Bro. R. W. Parkinson, the popular J. S. of the lodge. This lodge is strong financially, and its present position is to a great extent due to the carefulness of the Worshipful Masters who have presided over its destinies in the past. Previous reports show that its contributions to benevolence have always been liberal. This year \$119 has been expended. The brethren are much attached and very lenient towards each other, and in this lurks the weakest spot of the lodge. It bears the unenviable reputation of having more brethren in arrears for dues and more dues owing than any other lodge in the district. Its standing in this respect is as follows: Membership, 255; number of members 12 months in arrears for dues, 41; total of all arrearages, \$650.00. I called the attention of the brethren to this fact on the occasion of my visit, and W. Bro. W. P. Thomson, who is a most efficient and energetic W. M., has personally promised me that in this respect the statement of the lodge will present an entirely different aspect at the next December meeting. The lodge also tendered me a most hearty reception and presented me with a beautifully illuminated address on the evening of the 19th of September. About two hundred and fifty brethren were present. I was brought into the lodge between two Scots, W. Bros. George Moir and Geo. McLeish, the latter presenting me to the lodge in a most happy manner, and W. Bro. Segsworth, W. M., did his part in his usual good style. We were honored by the presence of M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. Toronto East District No. 11a; R. W. Bro. J. W. Watson, D. D. G. M. Ontario District No. 12; R. W. Bros. T. J. B. Duncan, Aubrey White, Dr. A. F. Webster, Harry A. Collins,

F. G. Inwood and J. S. Dewar, P. D. D. G. M's; R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Davis, of London, Ont.; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, G. J. D.; V. W. Bro. T. W. Barber, G. D. of C.; V. W. Bros. Andrew Park and Alexander Muir, W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, District Secretary, and W. Bros. J. H. McKinnon, R. W. Clewlo, J. S. Williams, W. H. Blight, K. J. Dunstan, W. F. Chapman, and many others. I was indeed highly gratified by the honor conferred upon me, and to W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, then the W. M., and to all my fellow members of Wilson I am sincerely thankful, and also to all the brethren who were kind enough to attend on this occasion. An exceedingly pleasant time was spent at the banqueting table, and the speeches given by the distinguished brethren already mentioned were as fine as I have ever heard at any similar Masonic function. I had the pleasure of installing the newly elected officers of this lodge for the ensuing year on the 19th December, being ably assisted by W. Bros. S. Brown, Thos. Pierdon, J. A. Carveth and R. F. Segsworth, Past Masters of the lodge. On October 31st this lodge also put on the work of the first degree at a Lodge of Instruction, held under the auspices of the two Toronto districts. W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, W. M., occupied the chair, and I am sure I will not be judged partial to my mother lodge when I say the work was done in an almost faultless manner and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren in attendance. I was also present at the regular meeting of the lodge held on the 17th November, when Stratford and Tecumseh lodges were entertained. The Stratford brethren conferred the first degree in an excellent manner on a good candidate. There was a large number of distinguished Toronto brethren present to greet the brethren from Stratford. Much credit is due to W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth and his officers for the success of the evening, which was most enjoyable. The lodge room at nearly all the meetings of this lodge presents a most attractive appearance, being profusely decorated with flowers and palms generously supplied by Bro. J. S. Simmons, the S. W., who is most popular with his brethren. The lodge has greatly increased in membership during the last two or three years, and I am pleased to note in the material that has been introduced quality more than quantity has been considered an important factor in the admission of members.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton: W. Bro. J. J. Hill, W. M. I visited this lodge officially on December 15th, accompanied by W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, P. M. Stanley lodge, Toronto Junction, and three brethren, members of the lodge who reside in Toronto. This lodge seemed to have experienced difficulty in getting enough members present at any one time to form a quorum prior to the evening of my visit, but since then six meetings have been held, five candidates have been initiated, three brethren restored to membership, and two brethren have affiliated. To offset this prosperity nine demits have been granted and one brother suspended for N. P. D. Most of these demitted were charter members of Peel Lodge, No. 468, Caledon East. The third degree was exemplified for my inspection in a fairly creditable manner, considering that this was the first time the work had been performed by the W. M. The candidate, Bro. Dr. Arthur Evans Snell, was exceptionally clever, and it is the lodge's misfortune that he is now resident in Toronto. It is a very especial pleasure to meet in this lodge W. Bro. A. E. Bolton, its Secretary. He and W. Bro. F. N. Leavens, Treasurer, are its standbys. In addition to the foregoing named Past Masters W. Bros. R. Roberts, G. Norton and Dr. W. T. Hackett were present. The lodge building is of brick, owned by the brethren, free from debt, and there is no more attractive home in this district. Only \$6.50 have so far been contributed to the S. C. B. Fund, and I am informed more will be sent in in the near future. True Blue has suffered on account of the formation of Tottenham Lodge and Peel Lodge at Caledon East, but as it has yet a number of estimable and enthusiastic brethren I have no fear for its future.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg: W. Bro. Francis Attridge, W. M. I visited this lodge on the evening of the 5th day of February, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. T. Francis, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, and Bro. J. M. W. Cousins, J. W. of Patterson Lodge, Thornhill, and, notwithstanding the fact that the temperature was 18 degrees below zero and the roads in bad condition, four-fifths of the total membership of the lodge were present, as well as a few visitors. The Fellow Craft degree was exemplified for my inspection in a creditable manner. The J. W., Matthew Brandon, gave the final charge from B. of C. in a manner scarcely excelled. This lodge is

strongly supported by worthy Past Masters, among whom might be mentioned the very efficient Secretary-Treasurer, W. Bro. W. J. Brereton, M. D., W. Bro. John Brydon and W. Bro. Samuel Leatherland. This lodge is in a flourishing condition. Two applications for membership were received on the evening of my visit. The brethren own their own building and have a nice bank account. The assembly room is furnished with excellently carved furniture, all done by former members of the lodge. Many curios are to be found there, one of which is a framed picture of the late Mrs. (Eliza) Aldworth, lady Freemason. This picture was taken from the original in possession of the first lodge in Ireland, Cork. The lady was a daughter of Lord Doneraile, born in the year 1695, and died in 1775. The banquet after the work of the evening was sumptuous and very enjoyable.

York Lodge, No. 156, Eglinton: W. Bro. W. J. Douglas, W. M. I made my visit of inspection to this lodge on the 18th of May, accompanied by W. Bro. Geo. McLeish, W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth and Bro. A. F. Darragh, Past Masters, and Secretary of Wilson, my mother lodge. I was introduced by V. W. Bro. C. C. Norris, accompanied by V. W. Bro. R. W. Hull, two of the stalwarts of this old lodge. There was a very large attendance of members and twelve Past Masters of the lodge, including R. W. Bro. John Fisher, P. D. D. G. M. of this district. I was pleased to greet among the visitors R. W. Bro. Dr. R. R. Hopkins, P. D. D. G. M., and R. W. Bros. Curran Morrison and Dr. A. F. Webster, P. D. D. G. M's of this district, and W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman, W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto; W. Bro. James D. Bailey, W. M. of Ashlar lodge, Toronto; W. Bro. W. R. Sheppard, W. M. of Victoria Lodge, U. D., Toronto Junction, and many others. The work of the first degree was exemplified in an exceptionally able manner by W. Bro. Douglas and his officers, every officer doing his work in a manner seldom excelled. This lodge, while situated a few miles from the city, enjoys city advantages, and is very popular with the city brethren. This lodge is fortunate in having W. Bro. Wm. Duncan as Secretary. His books are in excellent condition and up-to-date. He also has a book labeled "Black List" and "Bright List," in which are recorded all rejections and

reinstatements in lodges having concurrent jurisdiction. I also had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on the evening of October 20th, when a presentation was made to R. W. Bro. John Fisher of an oil portrait of himself. Among the prominent brethren present were M. W. Bros. E. T. Malone and Benjamin Allen, R. W. Bro. H. T. White, G. J. W., R. W. Bro. Aubrey White and R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, P. D. D. G. M's. The presentation was made by M. W. Bro. Allen, who gave an outline of R. W. Bro. Fisher's record in the Masonic fraternity. Bro. Fisher accepted the gift and at once handed the portrait over to W. Bro. Will S. Dalby, the W. M., to be kept by the lodge. It now adorns the walls of the lodge room. Bro. Fisher was initiated in 1863 at the first meeting after the formation of the lodge at Eglinton. It is thought that he holds the record as Installing Master for the Dominion, having installed the officers of his lodge for thirty-three years in succession. The brethren of York are good entertainers, and on the occasion of both of my visits excellent banquets were held in the Town Hall. This lodge has subscribed quite liberally to the S. C. B. Fund, and I am assured that more will yet be paid in.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: W. Bro. W. J. Fenton, W. M. I visited this lodge for the purpose of inspection on the evening of March 20th, that being their regular night of meeting, and was introduced by R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, K. C. I was accompanied by W. Bro. R. A. Farquharson, P. M. of Richmond Lodge. There was a good attendance of members, including the following Past Masters: R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, V. W. Bro. Adam Morton, V. W. Bro. Dr. J. G. Roberts, V. W. Bro. J. J. Manning, W. Bro. J. W. Main, W. Bro. C. Y. Moore, W. Bro. W. W. Woods and W: Bro. A. J. Hood. In no lodge in the district do I find a body of Past Masters more loyal to the W. M. One could not but be impressed by the unanimity of purpose which seems to permeate every one of them and all for the benefit of the lodge. Among the visitors were: W. Bro. John Gardhouse, W. M. of Humber Lodge, Weston, and W. Bro. Wilson Wilby, one of his Past Masters. The Master Mason degree was conferred in a manner I have seldom seen excelled, the work of nearly every officer being performed in such a manner as to show careful train-

ing and thorough knowledge of the meaning of the work, and V. W. Bro. Adam Morton gave the final charge in an admirable manner. A pleasant feature of the evening, mingled somewhat with sadness, was the presentation of a Past Master's Jewel to W. Bro. James William Main, who is about leaving Brampton to take up his residence in Grand Forks, B. C. W. Bro. Main was initiated in Ionic lodge on November 2nd, 1870, became Master in 1876, and has been a constant attendant for the past thirty-six years. The brethren naturally regret his departure. This lodge is fortunate in having R. W. Bro. W. H. McFadden, P. D. D. G. M., as Secretary. His books and records are in perfect condition. He reports no members twelve months in arrears for dues, and the total of all arrearages being only \$17. The financial standing of the lodge is good; carries insurance to the amount of \$400. Its membership has remained about the same for years, but the above financial report shows perfect health. As regards the S. C. B. Fund, the total contributions of the brethren of this lodge to date are \$172.00, and more has been promised.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King: W. Bro. G. R. Egan, W. M. I made my official visit to this lodge at their regular meeting on April 9th. Rain had been falling nearly all day and evening and the weather was cold and very disagreeable. I had hardly expected that a quorum would be present, but was pleased to be greeted by a good turnout of enthusiastic brethren. W. Bro. Wilson Wilby, P. M. of Humber lodge, Weston, was present, also the W. M., officers and members of Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill, including four Past Masters and some brethren from Union Lodge, Schomberg. The officers of the lodge were not all present. The W. M. is a good ritualist. The work of the third degree was exemplified for my inspection. His work and that of the acting J. W. was good, and inaccuracies on the part of some of the other officers are doubtless attributable to lack of opportunity for practice. This lodge has a membership of 37, a decrease of two for the year, but I am informed that a good candidate has been accepted and that prospects appear brighter. This lodge is blessed with having a very efficient Secretary in the person of W. Bro. A. Carley. His books are in first-class condition and the finances of the lodge are in good shape.

The total of all arrearages for dues is but \$17.00. W. Bro. Carley gives the Grand Lodge honors in a manner I have never seen excelled. The wives and lady friends of the members, as is their custom on occasions of this kind, provided a magnificent banquet, and the evening was to me one of pleasure and profit.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: W. Bro. James D. Bailey, W. M. My visit of inspection was made to this lodge on the evening of their regular meeting, held on Tuesday, April 24th. This lodge has a reputation throughout the district, at least, for everything that is good. M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, our honored I. P. G. M., is "at home" in this lodge, and I was delighted with his presence on the occasion of my official visit. I was also pleased to meet my esteemed brethren, R. W. Bros. Aubrey White, A. F. Webster and Curran Morrison, P. D. L. G. M's of this district, and R. W. Bros. J. S. Dewar and J. A. McFadden, also V. W. Bros. Rev. Wm. Farncomb, John McKnight, R. W. Hill, and W. Bros. W. H. Best, Thomas Reid, G. S. Pearcy, W. S. Ziller and A. C. Fairweather, Past Masters. Among the visitors were: W. Bros. E. R. Dransfield and J. McP. Ross, W. M's of Zetland and Beaches lodges respectively, and J. B. McMurrich, I.P.M. of Star of the East lodge, Bothwell. The work of the evening consisted in the initiation of a candidate, which was well done, each officer doing his part. The Junior Warden's lecture was admirably delivered by Bro. John Shaw, the Junior Warden, and the work of the Junior Deacon was excellent and performed with military precision. The books of the Secretary, Bro. Louis Riggs, are well kept. He is assisted by W. Bro. W. H. Best. I look forward with much pleasure to Bro. Riggs' future career in Masonic circles. The musical accompaniment was also very fine and quite unique, the production of W. Bro. A. C. Fairweather, I. P. M. The membership of this lodge now numbers 298, being an increase of 15 during the year. The number of members 12 months in arrears for dues, 13, total of all arrearages being but \$131.50. The lodge is immensely wealthy. They have formed a company, purchased prominent property on Yonge street, and intend building a temple of their own at an early date. Perfect harmony prevails among the brethren and the prospects for the future could hardly be brighter.

Regarding the S. C. B. Fund, this lodge has contributed the sum of \$850.00, being an average of \$3.00 for each member at the time the fund was opened. It was also my pleasure to have previously visited this lodge on March 27th, the occasion being a reception to M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Grand Master. He was most cordially greeted by a large number of brethren, among them being: M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, I. P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. Toronto East District No. 11a; R. W. Bros. Curran Morrison, A. F. Webster, E. J. B. Duncan and J. S. Dewar, P. D. D. G. M's; R. W. Bro. George Eakins, V. W. Bro. T. W. Barber, G. D. of C.; V. W. Bros. R. W. Hull, W. N. Miller, and the W. M's of many of the city lodges. The lodge room presented a magnificent appearance on this occasion, being lavishly decorated with flowers and acacia trees in full bloom. The Grand Master was the recipient of a beautifully illuminated address. The work of the first degree was exemplified by the officers and several Past Masters of the lodge. The Grand Master, in commenting on the work, said it was "faultlessly done." The entertainment proceedings at the festive board were characteristic of the brethren of Ashlar, and that is saying enough. The addresses by the prominent brethren mentioned were far above the average. I wish there were more lodges like Ashlar.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: W. Bro. J. Baxter, W. M. I had the pleasure of making my visit of inspection to this lodge on the evening of February 8th. An added pleasure was afforded me on this occasion by having the company of the W. M. and members of York Lodge, who very courteously and kindly extended me an invitation to be their guest from North Toronto in their private car. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, in all numbering about 80, which taxed the lodge to its utmost for seating capacity. Among the brethren present were: R. W. Bro. John Fisher, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, P. D. D. G. M. No. 11a District; R. W. Bro. J. Edward Francis, P. D. D. G. M. of this District; W. Bro. W. J. Douglas, W. M. of York Lodge; W. Bro. D. Hill, W. M. of Richmond Lodge; W. Bro. Wilson Wilby, and W. Bro. W. C. Burrage, Past Masters of Humber Lodge, and the officers, Past Masters and members of York and Rich-

mond lodges respectively. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Baxter and his officers in a satisfactory manner, considering that the officers had not much opportunity for practice. This lodge is somewhat handicapped this year by the fact that the W. M. for the time being resides in Toronto, thus making it very difficult to secure that earnest and hearty co-operation which is so essential. The lecture given by Bro. Wm. Riddell, S. W., was accurately and impressively rendered. This lodge has the good fortune of having as its Secretary R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, P. D. D. G. M. His books are faultlessly kept. A member in arrears for dues is almost an unknown quantity. In addition to his secretarial duties he has a general supervision over the lodge and might well be termed its father. Bros. Wm. Riddell and J. M. W. Cousins, the Wardens, are both capable officers, and the prospects for this lodge's future are exceedingly bright. The brethren are most hospitable, and a very enjoyable time was spent at the festive board. Many interesting and instructive addresses were delivered and good songs rendered. The evening was a most enjoyable one for all present.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston: W. Bro. John Gardhouse, W. M. I visited this lodge in my official capacity on the evening of November 9th and spent a most enjoyable evening. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors, and I was delighted to greet R. W. Bro. James Glanville, P. D. D. G. M., W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, P. M. of Stanley Lodge, Toronto Junction, and many others. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Gardhouse and his officers, assisted to some extent by some of the P. M's, in a satisfactory manner. The lodge is at present officered by a capable and intelligent staff, and there are many active and energetic Past Masters and considerable good material not yet in harness. I consider the prospects of the lodge fairly bright. The membership now totals 60, being a net increase of but one for the year. This lodge has been active in regard to the S. C. B. Fund, \$71.00 having been paid to the Grand Secretary and considerably more than this sum subscribed. W. Bro. Wilson Wilby, one of the most active P. M's, has given this subject a great deal of time and attention, and to him is largely due the success attained. The Secretary reports \$7.00 paid for relief; 11

members twelve months in arrears for dues, with a total of all arrearages amounting to \$27.75. The lodge is in a good position financially and is contemplating building a home of their own in the near future. A very enjoyable hour was spent at the refreshment board after the regular work of the evening. I also had the pleasure of visiting this lodge at an emergent meeting held on June 7th and had the honor of installing W. Bro. W. M. Gemmell, the newly elected W. M., and investing the other officers elected and appointed for the ensuing year, being kindly and most ably assisted by V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, G. J. D.; V. W. Bro. T. W. Barber, G. D. of C.; W. Bros. R. F. Segsworth and J. W. Johnson, P. M's of Wilson Lodge, Toronto, and W. Bros. W. C. Burrage and Wilson Wilby, P. M's of Humber Lodge. There was a large attendance of members and visitors besides the above mentioned. W. Bro. Jas. Baxter, W. M. of Patterson Lodge, Thornhill, and W. Bro. W. J. Sheppard, W. M. of Victoria Lodge, U. D., Toronto Junction, were among the number.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: W. Bro. Amos Maynard, W. M. On April 6th I had the pleasure of making my official visit to this lodge. An added pleasure was that I was accompanied by W. Bro. James Haywood, I. P. M. of Zetland Lodge, Toronto. There was also present, besides a good turnout of members, W. Bro. Thomas Ferguson, W. M. of Stanley Lodge, Toronto Junction; W. Bro. Robt. E. Port, W. M. of Alpha Lodge, Toronto; W. Bros. A. J. Anderson and John Haggis, P. M's of Stanley Lodge, and W. Bro. G. Jackson Bretz, P. M. of Harris Lodge, Orangeville. Two excellent candidates were initiated, the first by most of the regular officers in a creditable manner, although some of them show the need of more practice. W. Bro. Maynard is a very enthusiastic Mason. He has been honored by his brethren in being their W. M. three consecutive years. I would compliment, however, Bro. Jesse C. Smith, J. W. His rendition of the lecture was excellent, also Bro. Alex. Howson, J. D., whom I was informed was but a young Mason. His work, however, was well done. At the request of the W. M. the second candidate was taken in hand by the visiting Past Masters present, all of whom did their work in masterly style. There were some slight irregularities on the part of the Secretary, W. Bro.

David Morton, in the writing of the minutes, to which I called his attention. He is a good officer, however, and one of the strong pillars of the lodge. Past Masters V. W. Bro. Frank Smith, Dr. Peter D. McLean and J. J. Watson were also present. I called the W. M's attention to the necessity in opening the lodge at a much earlier hour than has been his custom, that the business and work of the lodge may be properly despatched and the brethren permitted to return to their far away homes at a seasonable hour. Six candidates have been initiated during the year. The lodge is well officered and the outlook is exceedingly bright. The brethren have a good building, their own, slightly encumbered, but they expect to have it free of debt before the end of this year. The proceedings at the festive board were of an enjoyable character. The brethren know how to entertain.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: W. Bro. E. R. Dransfield, W. M. I paid my visit to this lodge for the purpose of inspection on March 23rd. There was a large attendance. The following Past Masters were among the number present: M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, V. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, V. W. Bro. John B. Hay, R. W. Bro. Wm. David McPherson, W. Bros. Chas. F. Mansell, John Bastedo, W. J. L. Anderson, Alex. Stewart, John H. Macabe, Thomas McQuillan, James Haywood and Dr. Fierheller. Among the visitors I was delighted to greet W. Bro. Dr. W. P. Thomson, W. M. of Wilson, my mother lodge, also W. Bro. G. H. D. Lee, W. M. of Ionic Lodge; W. Bro. W. T. Douglas, W. M. of York Lodge, and W. Bro. James D. Bailey, W. M. of Ashlar Lodge. Zetland has a membership of 456, I believe the largest in the jurisdiction, always a splendid lodge, but raising its standard from year to year in the choice of its officers and of the material which it is admitting. They have long since recognized the fact that every man was not made for Masonry, and I have been informed that in the near future the fee for admission will be increased to \$100.00. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified for my inspection, and it was as near perfection as any I have ever witnessed. The work of W. Bro. Dransfield, W. M., was given in a distinct, impressive and conversational manner, and the other officers emulated the good example set by him, the floor work of the J. D. being very fine in every detail. The lodge, too, possesses

a magnificent choir, which adds greatly to the impressiveness of the work. The financial standing of this lodge is second to none. W. Bro. John H. Macabe is a most efficient Secretary. His report shows but 20 members in arrears for dues, and the total amount of all arrearages only \$123.00, a very creditable showing for such a large membership. His books in every respect are ideal. To the S. C. B. Fund this lodge contributed last year \$1,200.00. This year \$390.00 has been given for relief. This is but an example of their way of doing things. I also had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on November 24th. W. Bro. James Haywood was presiding Master, the special business of the evening being the election of officers. I believe every officer in the lodge was advanced unanimously. Among the visitors present on this occasion were: R. W. Bros. Aubrey White, Dr. A. F. Webster and T. J. B. Duncan, P. D. D. G. M's of this district; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, G. J. D., and W. Bros. K. J. Dunstan and Arthur Pearson, W. M's of Ionic and Doric lodges respectively. The banquets on the occasion of my two visits were most enjoyable, many splendid speeches being made by the distinguished brethren present, one of very great interest being delivered by Hon. Robert Jaffray, the first candidate initiated in Zetland lodge.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto: W. Bro. J. M. Marks, W. M. I visited this lodge officially on May 17th. There I was delighted to meet my good friend, R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, P. D. D. G. M., at home in his mother lodge. There was a very large attendance of members present, including the following Past Masters, in addition to the R. W. Bro. referred to: V. W. Bro. Thomas W. Barber, G. D. of C.; V. W. Bro. J. R. Dunn, W. Bros. Tim Barber, R. Charlton, W. Crackle, J. Beckman, G. V. Foster, J. S. Williams, Fred. Prince and J. C. West. Fraternal visits were also made by W. Bro. Edward Barber and W. Bro. R. E. Port, W. M's of Zeta and Alpha lodges respectively, accompanied by many of their P. M's and officers. Owing to the very large number of applicants that had to be balloted for, the regular work of the evening was not begun until a late hour, but, notwithstanding this, the first degree was exemplified by the W. M. and his officers in an exceedingly creditable manner. The musical accompaniment, too,

was very fine. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to the lodge by R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, of a large and handsome photograph, beautifully framed, of W. Bro. J. C. West, the I. P. M., the picture having been donated for that purpose. The membership of this lodge is increasing rapidly, the finances are in good shape, and the prospects for the future are very bright. The hospitality of this lodge is proverbial, and, notwithstanding the lateness of the hour an exceedingly pleasant time, for me at least, was spent at the refreshment table. This lodge has already contributed \$140.00 to the S. C. B. Fund, and much more has been subscribed. It was also my pleasure to visit this lodge at their regular meeting held on October 18th, when I was received in a most cordial manner by W. Bro. J. C. West, the W. M. The object of my visit was to present to my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, a suit of regalia as a slight evidence of appreciation on behalf of the various lodges in this district, over which he so ably presided. R. W. Bro. A. F. Webster, P. D. D. G. M., a dear friend of the recipient, assisted in making the presentation. On this occasion I was also pleased to greet my confrere, R. W. Bro. Fred. W. Harcourt, the D. D. G. M. of Toronto East District No. 111; R. W. Bro. W. George Eakins; V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, G. J. D.; V. W. Bro. T. W. Barber, G. D. of C.; V. W. Bros. John B. Hay, J. R. Dunn, John Muir, R. Charlton, and many others. The first degree was also faultlessly exemplified on this occasion, the candidate being a prominent Toronto Methodist clergyman. Many excellent songs were rendered during banquet proceedings. The function was a most successful one, and although, on account of the inclemency of the weather a disagreeable night for brethren to attend a lodge meeting, yet there were fully three hundred present.

River Park Lodge, No. 365, Streetsville: W. Bro. M. S. Mercer, W. M. I made my visit of inspection to this lodge on the evening of May 8th. I was pleased to have the company of W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, I. P. M. of Wilson Lodge, Toronto, and W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, P. M. of Stanley Lodge, Toronto Junction. Considering the inclement weather, a goodly number of the brethren, and especially Past Masters of the lodge, were present, and my reception was most loyal. The lodge is to be

congratulated on having W. Bro. Mercer as W. M. He is a most genial man and a very efficient and painstaking worker. He is supported by a good set of officers, taking into consideration the fact that many of them are but young Masons. Especial mention might be made of Bro. T. L. Kennedy, J. D., of rare ability. The lodge also has an efficient Secretary in the person of Bro. J. J. Mahafty. The first degree was exemplified on a good candidate in very good form, it being my duty to point out but few inaccuracies. I am pleased to be able to state that the tide of prosperity in this lodge, which began under the regime of W. Bro. Rev. C. H. Rich, L. P. M., is still rolling on. Good candidates are presenting themselves quite freely and the future of this lodge is bright indeed. The W. M. is ably supported by the Past Masters, W. Bro. W. Taylor being recognized as its chief mainstay. W. Bro. T. H. Goodison, W. Bro. W. Couse and W. Bro. S. Harris all take a very active interest. An exceedingly enjoyable hour was spent at the refreshment table, W. Bro. Mercer proving to be an excellent host and the hospitality of the brethren being unbounded. The membership of this lodge now numbers 47, being an increase of 10 for the year. A very successful Masonic service was held on the festival of St. John the Baptist this year. There was a large attendance of brethren, the church being crowded. The sermon was preached by Rev. Bro. C. H. Rich, I. P. M.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills: W. Bro. J. A. Moran, W. M. My official visit to this lodge was made on the evening of March 6th. My reception commenced at 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when W. Bro. R. A. Montgomery, one of the most enthusiastic Past Masters of this lodge, called at my office, took me to his home for dinner, and subsequently accompanied me to the lodge room. I was presented to the lodge by W. Bro. Dr. Emerson Bull, and my reception was as kind and loyal as it was possible to make it. There was a good attendance of both members and visitors, the latter including W. Bro. W. J. Sheppard, W. M. of Victoria Lodge, U. D., Toronto Junction; W. Bro. Dr. W. T. Hackett, I. P. M. of True Blue Lodge, Bolton; W. Bro. John Haggis, P. M. of Stanley Lodge, Toronto Junction; W. Bro. W. J. King, P. M. of Occident Lodge, Toronto. The following Past Masters of Mimico Lodge were

present: W. Bros. Dr. Emerson Bull, Thomas Tier, Jas. Sabiston, E. B. Rice, F. F. Reeves, Chas. Aylmer, Archie McKinnon, R. A. Montgomery and J. G. Musson. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Moran and his officers in a satisfactory manner, it being my duty to call attention to but few inaccuracies. The charge was delivered by Bro. Port, S. W. in a masterly way. The lecture by the J. W., Bro. Geo. S. Brown, was also well rendered. Both brethren will doubtless make excellent Masters in due time. This lounge is in a flourishing condition; has a membership of 79, own their own temple, and have a bank account of nearly \$700.00. Some of this will be expended in the near future in decorating and improving their lodge room. The brethren are now active in the work of the S. C. B. Fund; \$76.00 has been subscribed and much more is promised.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto: W. Bro. Robert E. Port, W. M. This lodge was officially visited at its regular meeting on March 1st. Here a goodly number of P. M's remain in active membership. No fewer than twelve were present on the occasion of my visit. W. Bro. Col. John Gray, first elected W. M. of the lodge, might be mentioned as one of the most active. There was a very large attendance of members and a few visitors. It was my privilege to witness the ordinary openings and closings and the work of the beautiful third degree, all of which was exceedingly well done and had the merit of being uniformly satisfactory down to the lowest officer. W. Bro. Port is a hard worker, an enthusiastic Mason, and every detail of ritual is carefully observed. To my mind the most important officer of a lodge next to the W. M. is the Secretary, and Alpha lodge has a model in the person of V. W. Bro. T. J. Voss. His books are well kept, and consequently the finances of the lodge are in good shape and but few of the brethren in arrears for dues. Subsequently the brethren proved their proficiency at the fourth degree, which was fully exemplified and thoroughly enjoyed until the summons from the J. W. parted all for the night. I also had the pleasure of being officially received in this lodge by W. Bro. James Leach, W. M., on the eve of his retirement from office, December 27th, when Alpha celebrated its 25th anniversary in a fitting manner. One of the pleasant features of the evening was the installation of the officers for the

following year by the first W. M. of the lodge, R. W. Bro. George Tait, P. D. D. G. M. There was also present on this occasion R. W. Bro. H. T. White, G. J. W.; Hon. J. W. St. John, P. D. D. G. M. of this district; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, G. J. D.; fourteen P. M's of Alpha lodge, and a large attendance of Masters and Past Masters of the various city lodges. The banquet proceedings were presided over by W. Bro. Port. The menu was an excellent one. The addresses, chiefly reminiscent in character, and some of the best musical talent in the city, contributed to make this an evening to be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present. The premises which the lodge occupied for many years, at the corner of Queen street and Dowling avenue, having been sold recently, the brethren have made temporary arrangements to meet in Occident Hall, corner Queen and Bathurst streets. This lodge has done well in regard to the S. C. B. Fund. Over \$200.00 has been paid in and the prospects are that every member of Alpha will do his duty.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction: W. Bro. Thomas Ferguson, W. M. I made my official visit to this lodge for the purpose of inspection on the evening of April 3rd. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors. Among the latter might be mentioned W. Bro. D. J. Sheppard, W.M. of Victoria Lodge, U. D., accompanied by about thirty of his brethren. To my mind this visit of the brethren of Victoria lodge in such large numbers shows in a marked degree the kindly spirit that prevails among the brethren of Stanley towards the new lodge established in that town by R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, my predecessor in office, on June 19th last year. The brethren of Toronto Junction are really a happy family. The work of the evening consisted in the exemplification of the first degree. Every officer did his part with honor to himself and credit to his lodge. I do not think I ever saw the work much better done. The teachings of the degree were not only most impressively conveyed, but nearly every detail of ritual was carefully observed and correctly rendered. This lodge has been active in regard to the S. C. B. Fund; \$187.00 has already been paid in and sent to the Grand Secretary. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson has personally given this matter a great deal of time and attention. Of

him I may say that he is a most genial and hospitable man, an excellent Mason, and popular with his brethren. The membership of this lodge is 243, the increase during the year being 11. Number of members twelve months in arrears, 18; total of all arrearages, \$293.60. There is a body of Past Masters connected with this lodge which I consider second to none in this district. Bro. William Harris is still Secretary, and of him it may be said he is a very efficient and painstaking officer. W. Bro. Ferguson is an ideal host. The brethren of Stanley are good entertainers, and a very pleasant hour was spent working the fourth degree.

Harmony Lodge, No. 438, Toronto: W. Bro. A. M. Kennedy, W. M. I officially visited this lodge for the purpose of inspection at its regular meeting held on the 26th day of March. This is the mother lodge of my Secretary, W. Bro. W. H. Shaw, and I was very much pleased to be introduced by him. He is a splendid Secretary, a most genial man, an excellent Mason, and exceedingly popular with his brethren. There was a large turnout of the members and many eminent visitors present. The work of the officers in the opening and closing of the three degrees was of the highest standard, and the exemplification of the first degree, as presented by the W. M., W. Bro. A. M. Kennedy and his officers, left nothing to be desired, and I am sure it cannot but be pleasing to the Past Masters and brethren who have presided and watched over this lodge since its inception to witness the efficiency it has attained. The choir also, under the able leadership of Bro. Blight, was exceptionally good, and added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremonies and the enjoyment of the brethren at the fourth degree. The lodge has a very efficient Secretary in Bro. W. T. Martin. His books are models, and Bro. A. F. Sprott, the Senior Warden, will, I am sure, make an ideal W. M. in the near future. The lecture given by Bro. A. H. Lougheed, J. W., was impressively and correctly rendered. I had previously visited this lodge on October 23rd, the occasion being their first Past Master's night. The lodge room was prettily decorated with maple leaves, potted plants and cut flowers, presenting a magnificent appearance. V. W. Bro. Thomas W. Barber, G. D. of C., occupied the chair, and the third degree was exemplified with full musical accompaniment. At

the conclusion of the work W. Bro. A. L. E. Davies, W. M., presented V. W. Bro. Barber, on behalf of the lodge, with a full set of Grand Lodge regalia pertaining to his rank, as well as a beautifully engrossed address. Among the distinguished brethren present were: R. W. Bros. Aubrey White, Geo. J. Bennett, Dr. A. F. Webster, P. D. D. G. M's; R. W. Bro. E. C. Davies, P. G. R.; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, G. J. D., and many of the ruling Masters of the city lodges. This lodge is in a flourishing condition, has a membership of over three hundred, and I consider its prospects second to none in the district. W. Bro. A. L. E. Davies has charge of the S. C. B. Fund. He reports \$118.00 collected and promises to show a good report to my successor in office.

Peel Lodge, No. 468, Caledon East: W. Bro. F. N. Leavens, W. M. This lodge was inaugurated in June, 1904, and by direction of M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Grand Master, the pleasure was assigned to me of delivering to them their warrant and consecrating their lodge. This duty was performed on Friday, the 10th day of November, 1905, at 8 o'clock p. m. In this work I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. R. Irvine, R. W. Bro. G. Crystal, V. W. Bro. T. W. Barber, G. D. of C., and the following worshipful brethren: A. J. Anderson, R. F. Segsworth, G. C. Martin, John Haggis, Wilson Wilby, Dr. W. T. Hackett, W. R. Burrage, S. B. Brett, J. McCabe, A. E. Bolton, W. Gillespie and Wm. Freedman. After the usual ceremonies in performing the work for which we were assembled were concluded, I had the honor of installing the first officers, being assisted by many of the above named brethren. There were nearly one hundred at the meeting, brethren being present from all parts of the district. A banquet was held in the hall, and the time there was spent, for me at least, both pleasant and profitable. W. Bro. F. N. Leavens, the W. M., proved to be an ideal host. I visited this lodge again in my official capacity on June 1st. The first by-laws have been compiled and sanctioned by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. No regular work had been arranged for the occasion of my visit other than the election of officers. I asked for the openings and closings in the three degrees and questioned the brethren on certain parts of the work, all of which was done and questions answered almost to my entire satisfaction. I then

addressed the brethren at some length on the subject of the S. C. B. Fund and other matters of interest to the lodge relative to their work. The election of officers was then proceeded with and it was a source of great satisfaction to witness the unanimity that prevailed among the brethren. This lodge has been ably presided over since its inauguration by W. Bro. F. N. Leavens, a P. M. of True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Bolton. It is now in a flourishing condition with a well furnished hall and practically free of debt. Its membership numbers 37, but 3 members in arrears for dues, and the total of all arrearages amounts to but \$8.75. Light refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The brethren are men of fine calibre. They are guarding well the outer door, have elected a good set of officers, and the prospects of this lodge are at the present exceedingly bright.

Victoria Lodge, U.D., Toronto Junction: W. Bro. W. J. Sheppard, W. M. This lodge was inaugurated on the evening of the 19th of June, 1905, by my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, and it is still working under dispensation. I made my official visit on the evening of February 20th. I may say at the outset that this, "The Baby Lodge," is immensely popular throughout the district, and that I enjoyed none of my official visits more than this. A very large number of members and visitors were in attendance, and my reception could be no more loyal. I was delighted to greet R. W. Bro. Dr. R. R. Hopkins, P. D. D. G. M. He is a genial, hospitable man, and an excellent Mason. Among the visitors were: W. Bros. J. A. Moran, Thomas Ferguson, M. S. Mercer, R. E. Port and Edward Mack, W. M's of Mimico, Stanley, River Park, Alpha and Orient lodges respectively, also W. Bros. R. A. Montgomery and G. J. Musson, Mimico; W. Bros. A. J. Anderson and John Patterson, Stanley; W. Bro. Dr. W. T. Hackett, I. P. M. of True Blue Lodge, Bolton; W. Bro. W. Wilby, P. M. of Humber Lodge, Weston; W. Bro. Wm. Duncan, P. M. of York Lodge, Eglinton, and many others. One candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Sheppard in good style and in an impressive manner. The work of the Inner Guard and the floor work of the Junior Deacon was excellent. Bro. T. E. Hoar, Junior Warden, delivered his lecture perfectly. The musical

accompaniment by their choir added greatly to the ceremony. My predecessor in office, in his report regarding this lodge, said "It is starting with the most encouraging prospects and brightest of outlooks." The following, I think, will show that R. W. Bro. Duncan is somewhat of a prophet: The total membership is 69, being a net increase of 52 for the year, 38 being initiations. Twelve regular and 10 emergent meetings have been held. Ten dollars has been paid for relief, and quite a large sum has been collected for the S. C. B. Fund. Every brother has paid his dues to date, and the cash on hand amounts to \$730.10. W. Bro. Sheppard is a most efficient presiding officer. Bro. W. E. Birrell is a Secretary that any lodge might be proud of; his report shows his worth. The brethren of this lodge also know how to entertain. After the work of the evening a most enjoyable time was spent at the festive board. I consider the prospects for Victoria lodge exceedingly bright.

In conclusion, let me say that every visit I have made throughout the district has been of the most pleasant character. I have endeavored to do my duty, and I feel that any criticisms that I have offered were taken in the spirit in which they were intended, and if the brethren have received that benefit from my visits which I feel I have derived from my associations with them, I am satisfied that much has been accomplished. The many kindnesses of the brethren shall be remembered by me while life lasts. I believe peace and harmony prevail, and may it continue to do so until time shall be no more.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

EDMUND M. CARLETON, D.D.G.M.,
Toronto West District No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Toronto West District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Number of Lodge.	Total No. of all Members	Decrease during year	Degree's conf'd	Meetings held.	Total.	Emergent.	Regular.	Deceased.	Suspensions, other causes.	Average attendance of members.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
22 King Solo'n	Toronto.....	255	9	16	12	4	2	7	3	3	11	416	51	139 08	37	\$ 293 13	June 24, '06	Good	
54 Vaughan	Maple.....	41	2	2	1	2	1	5	3	3	11	12	16	10 00	8	67 00	Dec. 24, '05	Fair	
65 Belloboam	Toronto.....	300	15	22	22	15	4	5	3	3	11	15	26	63 598	70	18	130 00	June 23, '06	Good
86 Wilson	Toronto.....	242	33	39	33	30	3	4	7	6	11	17	28	97 119	00	41 650 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	
98 True Blue..	Bolton.....	5	3	3	3	9	1	6	1	7	10	10	10	10 00	7	29 75 00	June 24, '06	Good	
118 Union.....	Schomberg.....	37	7	7	7	6	1	9	1	11	2	13	15	35 00	June 24, '05	Good			
156 York.....	North Toronto.....	133	20	23	16	17	6	1	9	10	7	17	30	10 00	10	46 50 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	
229 Ashlar.....	Brampton.....	74	4	3	3	1	1	2	1	10	1	11	17	17 00	Dec. 28, '05	Good			
247 Patterson..	Toronto.....	298	15	16	14	14	3	2	1	2	10	8	18	44	13	131 50 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	
265 Roberton..	Thornhill.....	47	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	12	2	14	16	1	15 00 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	
282 Roberton..	King.....	37	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	10	1	11	12	8 00	4	17 00 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	
305 Humber.....	Westen.....	60	1	4	2	1	1	3	1	10	1	11	22	7 00	11	27 75 00	June 29, '05	Good	
311 Blackwood..	Woodbridge ..	52	5	6	5	8	1	1	2	11	1	12	14	12 00	12	63 00 00	June 29, '05	Good	
326 Zetland..	Toronto.....	466	17	19	19	12	5	1	4	2	3	2	3	3 90	20	123 00 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	
346 Occident ..	Toronto.....	246	34	34	32	32	2	3	2	3	10	11	21	46 137	00	360 00 00	June 24, '05	Good	
356 River Park ..	St. Catharines.....	47	10	8	6	6	2	3	2	12	3	15	14	5 00	15	41 00 00	Dec. 27, '05	Bright	
369 Mimico ..	Lambton Mills.....	79	2	6	8	8	2	3	2	12	1	13	28	14 00 00	115 00 00	Good			
384 Alpha.....	Toronto.....	302	14	22	25	24	2	7	1	3	13	1	24	94 73	285 00	314 40 00	Dec. 27, '05	Excellent	
426 Stanley ..	Toronto Junc't.....	243	11	16	18	15	2	1	6	2	12	8	20	55 00 00	18	293 60 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	
438 Harmony ..	Toronto.....	43	41	36	4	5	7	5	7	6	12	17	29	45 20 00	3	52 90 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	
468 Peel.....	Caledon East.....	37	7	6	3	1	1	1	1	12	8	20	14	3 00 00	3	8 75 00	June 19, '05	Good	
474 Victoria ..	Toronto Junc't.....	69	52	38	30	26	16	1	1	12	10	22	26	10 00 00	10 00 00	Dec. 27, '05	Excellent		

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, No. 11A.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the above district. If I were not bound by precedent I would briefly refer only to some of the noteworthy events of the year. You will, I know, allow me to make some allusion to matters of special interest to our Order, to which my attention has been directed. Speaking at large, I am glad to be able to say that the Masters and officers of all the lodges in the district have proved themselves well able and creditably to present the work and conduct the business appertaining to their offices. While it is gratifying to know that progress is being made from year to year in this regard, we may opportunely remind ourselves that much yet remains to be done, that battles have still to be fought, temptations avoided, obstacles overcome, 'ere our high ideal is reached. Here and there a tendency to attain or accomplish a desired end regardless of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, the rulings of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the by-laws of the lodge is noticeable. We all agree that whatever his own opinion may be, no member of the Craft should for one moment forget his obligation.

The Board appointed to examine the Master-elect should see that he is thoroughly versed in the Constitution and by-laws, and no Master should accept office unless he is prepared to obey the Constitution, the rulings of the Grand Master, and the by-laws of his lodge.

A useful check would be to limit the number of candidates each lodge may initiate in a year. Fewer meetings, less interference with ordinary duties, more careful work and a better class of candidates would result.

I also notice a tendency—due to the spirit of the times

—towards increased expenditure in the social side of Masonry, without any corresponding increase in the direction of charity. This is surely not in accordance with the true spirit of Masonry. While fully alive to the importance of maintaining the social side, let us not forget that charity is the main advertisement we are holding out to the public, and we should not travel under false colors. For every dollar a lodge spends in entertainment its equivalent at least should be put aside for charity. It will be said that in a prosperous country like ours there is no necessity for this. I answer that prosperity is always accompanied by poverty; that squalor ever jostles splendor. Prosperity may mean wealth to the classes and poverty to the masses. The older our country becomes the greater will be the need for wise charitable work.

It would be well to cast on a brother who proposes a candidate for membership the responsibility of reading over the petition to him before signature, so that the candidate cannot afterwards shelter himself, should his application be questioned, by saying that he had not read it or did not understand it, as was recently done by a brother who was of foreign nationality and said he could not read English.

Notices by secretaries to other lodges, containing the name of rejected candidates, should be by registered letter, in order to fix the responsibility in the proper quarter should the rejected candidate be taken into another lodge within the prescribed time.

It would be a great assistance to the members of the Craft—especially to the District Deputy Grand Masters and the ruling Masters—if the rulings of the M. W. the Grand Master, when approved by Grand Lodge, were as accessible as, say, the decisions of a judge of the High Court of Justice. They should, I humbly submit, be printed and distributed from year to year, thereby saving all concerned, especially the Grand Secretary, a great deal of trouble.

In order to avoid disputes, I would suggest that Acacia Lodge and The Beaches Lodge be given concurrent jurisdiction with the city lodges, such as York Lodge now enjoys. In fact, the advantage would more than compensate for any disadvantage if boundary lines were done away with altogether and a candidate permitted to join

any lodge he wishes in the same way as he can join a club. Much friction would then be avoided.

I believe the future will see a marked improvement in subscriptions to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, due to the efforts of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

In my official visits I was particularly impressed and much pleased with the efficiency of nearly every lodge Secretary, especially in the country lodges, where the office is generally filled by an experienced Past Master. An efficient Secretary is what one might call the linchpin of a lodge. On the other hand, I feel it my duty to draw attention to the fact that very few of the Treasurers think it necessary to have their books present on the night of the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master; they appear to think it sufficient to say that their accounts have been audited.

The practice of holding Grand Lodge elections in July permitting the private lodges to elect their officers in November and install in December is most unfortunate. There should be uniformity so as to enable a District Deputy to extend his official visits over, say, ten months of the year instead of five, and to permit one Master and one set of officers to be responsible for the whole of that year instead of a broken period.

I regret that I cannot report, as my predecessors have done, that peace and harmony prevail throughout the district. I need not particularize as to facts, as they have already been brought to the notice of Grand Lodge through other sources. These troubles, originating from trifles, could have all been avoided had patience, unselfishness and a due regard for the opinion of others prevailed. Let the brethren remember that discipline is very wholesome medicine, even when bitter; that no man should expect to have others always think as he does; that malice should have no place in Masonry. There need be no dissension. In spite of the differences which exist in some places, I do not believe that any of the lodges in the district have failed in any instance in the matter of hospitality. No matter what may occur in the lodge room, when the fourth degree is reached sociability and good fellowship reign supreme. This goes to prove that the differences are merely on the surface and could be settled by the practice of mutual forbearance.

I have been called on for a number of rulings or opinions during the year, all of them unimportant and covered by precedent, save, probably, one, which questioned the right of a brother who was a member of the lodge in good standing and had been made a life member, without, however, saying "with full privileges to vote." I held that he had the right, as making him a life member did not deprive him of any of the privileges he before enjoyed, and simply meant that his dues were remitted.

V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, P. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, has rendered me invaluable service as District Secretary. I cannot speak too highly of his efficiency, nor of his willingness to perform any duty required of him. His knowledge of Masonry and of the affairs of the district, together with his popularity, have helped to lighten my labors.

Among the principal events of the year I should not forget to mention the presentation from the district of a suit of Grand Lodge regalia at St. George's Lodge to my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. John J. Thompson, by R. W. Bro. John Watson, P. D. D. G. M., who was kind enough to make the presentation for me when I was absent from the city. I cannot, on account of the sad death of the R. W. Bro. a short time afterwards, bring myself to comment further on the event. R. W. Bro. Thompson died on the 12th January last when only forty-four years of age. No district Deputy ever worked harder than he did, and we all heard of his departure with genuine regret. "He has only gone from this room into the next. God touched him with his finger and he sleeps."

I had the privilege of being present at the following meetings, which were not only instructive but most enjoyable.

At Wilson Lodge, in September, when a reception was tendered to R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton, D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11, by his mother lodge.

At Occident Lodge, on the 18th October last, when their esteemed member, R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, P. D. D. G. M., was presented by his district with Grand Lodge regalia. The visitors on that occasion were welcomed by R. W. Bro. J. C. West, W. M., and the presentation was made by R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton.

At Rehoboam Lodge, on 2nd November last, on the

night of their Past Masters' Reunion, when M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, G. M., and a number of other distinguished brethren were present.

At Ashlar Lodge, on the 23rd December last, when M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, P. G. M., was presented with a magnificent set of Grand Lodge regalia and an address, and again at the same lodge on the 27th March, when the Past Masters worked the first degree in the presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

I attended a banquet given at the King Edward by Wilson Lodge on the night of 22nd February, which proved a most enjoyable reunion of the Masons of that lodge. I also, at the request of R. W. Bro. E. M. Carlton, attended with him when he made his official visit to Wilson Lodge, which is his mother lodge, and, at his request, commented on the excellent manner in which R. W. Bro. Walter P. Thomson, W. M., and his officers conferred the third degree.

A Lodge of Instruction was held under the joint direction of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the two Toronto districts on the 31st October last. There were fully three hundred and fifty brethren present, representing nearly all the lodges in the two districts and sixteen lodges from outside districts. The first degree was exemplified by the following officers of Wilson Lodge: W. Bro. R. F. Segsworth, W. M.; Bro. George McLeish, I. P. M.; Bros. Dr. W. P. Thomson, S. W.; J. S. Simmons, J. W.; Wm. Cooper, Chaplain; R. W. Parkinson, S. D.; Carl Lehman, J. D.; H. W. Joselin, S. S.; E. B. Fletcher, J. S., and W. E. Tibbeets, I. G. The second degree by The Beaches Lodge, of East Toronto (under dispensation), by the following officers: W. Bro. John McCurrach, W. M.; W. Bro. D. D. Grierson, I. P. M.; Bros. R. J. W. Barker, S. W.; G. M. Ritchie, J. W.; Rev. J. W. Bell, Chaplain; W. E. Orr, S. D. And the third degree by the following officers of Ionic Lodge: W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan, W. M.; Bros. G. H. D. Lee, S. W.; Graham Thompson, J. W.; R. W. Bro. C. W. Postlethwaite, Chaplain; Bro. H. M. Mowat, Secretary; S. W. Smith, S. D. These degrees were most excellently exemplified by all these lodges, and I am satisfied that a great benefit resulted from the meeting.

I had the honor of representing the M. W. the Grand Master at a function held by Transportation Lodge, Buf-

falo, on 30th May, to celebrate an anniversary. There were over four hundred present, including a number of ladies. M. W. Bro. Townsend Scudder, Grand Master of the State of New York, and M. W. Bro. Charles I. Stevens, Grand Master of the State of Michigan, delivered eloquent addresses. The entire musical program was rendered by Bros. Charles E. Reiner, George J. Bannister, Kenneth Metcalf, and Marcus T. Lester, musical director of the Doric quartette, accompanied by Bro. E. R. Bowles as organist. This was a great compliment for our American cousins to pay to their Canadian brethren, and it was most gratifying to see that by the side of "Old Glory" in the lodge room there was a Union Jack. Thus does Masonry assist in cementing the bonds of peace and friendship between nations. I noticed W. Bro. J. Woodland, W. M.; W. Bro. Arthur Pearson, I. P. M., and V. W. Bro. John A. Cowan, P. M. of Doric Lodge, among the brethren present.

The brethren of Toronto celebrated the festival of St. John the Baptist on the 24th June by attending divine service in St. James Cathedral. Notwithstanding the inclement weather nearly a thousand Masons, marshalled by V. W. Bro. Harry A. Taylor, listened to the beautiful service rendered by V. W. Bro. Rev. W. M. Farncombe and Bros. Rev. I. W. B. Broughall and D. L. Owen, the music by Bro. Albert Ham, Mus. Doc., and his choir, and the eloquent sermon preached by Bro. Dr. Clark. A collection was taken up for the benefit of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund and amounted to \$116.20. To myself the only drawback was the street procession in regalia. I mention this with diffidence, knowing that my sentiments are not shared by the great majority. I would, however, like to see an ordinance passed by Grand Lodge prohibiting processions in regalia.

Any success which may have attended my year of office is due to a great extent to the assistance and advice I have received from such competent and unselfish brethren as M. W. Bros. James H. Burritt, Hugh Murray, E. T. Malone and Benjamin Allen, and R. W. Bros. C. W. Postlethwaite, William Roaf, Aubrey White, F. G. Inwood, W. George Eakins, Edward B. Brown and E. J. B. Duncan, and V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, and the help and aid of the ruling Masters of the lodges of the district. I must also acknowledge the kind atten-

tion I have received at the hands of the members of the Doric Quartette and Bro. W. N. Shaver, who frequently aided in making a meeting successful by their excellent music; also to W. Bro. John Pearson and Bro. Wilson, both of St. Andrew's Lodge, for inaugurating some of my visits to the northern lodges. The comradeship of my coadjutor, R. W. Bro. Carlton, will always be remembered by me with pleasure. We were naturally thrown together frequently, and he was always ready with his sound advice and able assistance. Not once did any semblance of unpleasantness mar our intercourse. The sister district was fortunate in her choice of a representative.

The lodges in Toronto are enjoying the services of Bro. James Pritchard as Tyler, and otherwise are fortunate in having such an efficient and obliging brother to look after their welfare.

While writing this the sad news has reached me of the terrible railway accident in England, in which, among other citizens of Toronto, W. Bro. Walter Barwick, a Past Master of Ionic Lodge, and for many years its representative on the Benevolent Board, lost his life. The W. Bro. was my staunch friend for nearly thirty years. When W. M. of Ionic Lodge he appointed me to my first office in the Craft, thereby starting me on the road to the position I now fill and am about to vacate. He had the interest of the Craft at heart and used every endeavor to provide a home for distressed Masons, was ever on the alert to reform, and always had the courage of his convictions, even when he knew that his was not the winning side. He held many important positions in the community and was generous almost to a fault. The Craft can ill afford the loss of one "whose doctrine and whose life were so coincident."

The following is a brief summary of my official visits of inspection during the year:

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16: I visited no less than five times during the year this grand old lodge, old in the service of good Masonry, but still vigorous. My first visit was made at the reunion of the Past Masters on the 16th October, 1905, when W. Bro. Rev. Dr. John Burwash was W. M., and when the first degree was well exemplified by the Past Masters of the lodge. A pleasing incident on this occasion was the presence of V. W. Bro.

Capt. William F. McMaster, who has been an honored and a valued member of the lodge since the 9th January, 1854. Among the other older members were M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, P. G. M., and R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson. My next visit was on the 2nd February, when I attended an "at home" given for the benefit of the ladies. My third on the 13th February, when the M. W. the Grand Master and a number of other distinguished brethren were present. And my fourth and official visit was made on the 16th March, when the first degree was most satisfactorily presented by W. Bro. A. E. Hagerman and his officers. The candidate on this occasion was Mr. David Arnot, the son of Bro. Peter Arnot, an old member of the lodge. I cannot speak too highly of this lodge or of W. Bro. Hagerman, its officers and members. It has always done good work, and the present year is no exception. The lodge has a particularly competent Secretary in the person of W. Bro. J. T. Slater. But lack of space prevents me from mentioning each officer (and they are all satisfactory) individually. I must content myself by saying that the lodge is a credit to Masonry. The following brethren were present: B. W. Bro., Malcolm Gibbs, P. G. R., of Rehoboam lodge; W. Bros. J. Graham, P. M. of Rehoboam lodge; W. J. Douglas, W. M. of York lodge; O. J. Brown, P. M. of York lodge; R. W. Brennan, W. M. of St. George lodge; E. Barber, W. M. of Zeta lodge; T. Barber, P. M. of Occident lodge; H. H. McKague, W. M. of Georgina lodge; W. J. Sykes, P. M. of Georgina lodge, and W. Bros. C. W. I. Woodland, C. E. Edmonds, F. M. Bell Smith, D. Carlyle and L. Herbert Luke, of St. Andrew's lodge. My fifth visit was on the 10th of April, when the Lodge of Ancient Landmarks of Buffalo exemplified the second degree. This was a magnificent meeting and was attended by a large number of the Craft in Toronto, among others being: R. W. Bro. J. W. Watson, D. D. G. M. Ontario District No. 12; R. W. Bro. George Tait, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs, P. G. R.; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, G. J. D.; V. W. Bro. T. W. Barber, G. D. of C.; W. Bros. J. S. Lovell, J. T. Slater, R. W. Brennan, Kenneth Dunstan, J. W. Payne, G. H. D. Lee, James Haywood, P. T. Lee, R. T. Porte, E. R. Dransfield, James G. Boyce, Thomas Bell, J. H. Macabe, Rev. Dr. Reynar, Rev. Dr.

Burwash, W. H. Blight, C. E. Edmonds, E. Barber, John Pearson, A. L. E. Davies, J. D. Bailey, C. W. I. Woodland, A. R. Macdonald, L. J. Clark, J. M. Woodland, A. Pearson, and others.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: I visited this lodge in company with R. W. Bro. Aubrey White on December 11th. Everything about the lodge is unique and beyond ordinary criticism. The presentation of the third degree was almost letter perfect, and the floor work and other details were faultless. The dues are all paid up, the members are assisting the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and the lodge room is comfortable and well furnished. R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls is an ideal Secretary. There was a large attendance, not only of the members of Richmond lodge, but from other lodges in the neighborhood. Great interest was taken in the work and in the remarks made by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White after the degree had been worked. A pleasant banquet followed the lodge proceedings. Among those present were: R. W. Bro. H. A. Nicholls, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bros. Newberry, Farquharson, Savage, Trench and Lamon, P. M's of Richmond lodge; W. Bro. Birchard, W. M. of Rising Sun lodge, Aurora, and W. Bros. Radcliffe, Russell and Nicol, with other brethren accompanying him; W. Bro. J. B. McLean, W. M. of Vaughan lodge; W. Bro. Muckle, I. P. M. of Patterson lodge, and many others.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25: This, my mother lodge, honored me with a reception on 3rd October, when W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan was W. M., and presented me with a beautiful apron. I was on that occasion greeted by many of my brethren who have been my personal friends for more than a quarter of a century, and who had been present at my initiation, such as M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, P. G. M.; R. W. Bros. E. J. B. Duncan, A. F. Webster, Malcolm Gibbs, W. D. McPherson, James Glanville, Curran Morrison, W. George Eakins, Rev. Baynes Reed, Aubrey White, George Tait, William Roaf, K. C., H. A. Collins, John Watson, Bernard Saunders, Donald Ross and E. B. Brown; V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith and Douglas Ponton; W. Bros. C. W. I. Woodland, A. C. Fairweather, H. A. Shoffff, George F. Shepley, K. C., S. T. Bastedo, J. R. Roaf, James Haywood, P. T. Lee, W. H. Shaw, W. R. Cavell, J. H. McCabe, R. R. Lockhart and W. G. Jones.

I was also present at a reunion of old members on the 7th November, when the first degree was worked, with W. Bro. Dr. Temple in the chair and V. W. Bro. A. R. Boswell, K. C., as S. W., the I. P. M. being W. Bro. James Brown, one of the oldest members of the lodge. I was permitted the honor of installing the officers of the lodge on 5th December. On the 6th February the lodge presented that distinguished scholar, Bro. Rev. Dr. Clark, Professor of Trinity College, with a certificate of life membership and an apron. On this occasion Dr. Alpha Clayton Bennett, son of R. W. Bro. George J. Bennett, so well and favorably known by the Craft throughout Canada, and an old member of the lodge, was initiated. A number of clergymen were present, including W. Bro. Rev. Dr. John Burwash, W. Bro. Rev. William Farncombe, Bros. Rev. L. W. B. Broughall and E. W. Ridley Beal. I visited the lodge officially on 6th March, and, feeling some delicacy in the matter, I persuaded R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, P. D. D. G. M. No. 11 District, to accompany me and perform the duties which otherwise would have developed upon me. The following is his report: "Having been favored with an invitation to the regular meeting of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, G. R. C., to be held on the evening of the 6th March, I accepted it with pleasure, especially as I knew R. W. Bro. Harcourt, D. D. G. M. of Toronto East District No. 11a, was to make his official visit to this, his mother lodge, on the evening in question. There was a good attendance of members and Past Masters, including such stalwarts as R. W. Bros. C. W. Postlethwaite, E. B. Brown and W. George Eakins, W. Bros. S. B. Sykes, R. R. Lockhart and others, and a number of visitors. R. W. Bro. Harcourt being, I presume, unwilling to pass upon the work of his mother lodge, requested me to discharge his functions for the evening, a duty which I assumed with diffidence, but gladly, as I knew it would be very agreeable—at least to myself. W. Bro. G. H. D. Lee, W. M., presided, and I wish to say at the outset that although he has been in office but a short time, a more efficient and accomplished occupant of that high office I have never seen. The third degree was exemplified in a manner which, I say with all sincerity, could not, in my opinion, be excelled. The work of every officer was excellent and there is no need to individualize, but still I shall refer to

a few of the points which particularly attracted my attention. At the opening of the lodge in the second and third degrees W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan, I. P. M., read the proper passage of scripture for each degree, which is a practice new to me, but one which I should like to see universally adopted, as I am strongly of the opinion that at the present time most of the brethren have not the remotest idea what the passages appropriate to the various degrees are. The candidate was Bro. Herbert A. Clarke, and although one hesitates about using superlatives in such matters, I think I ought to say that I have never seen his equal. No officer in the room did what was required of him more correctly and intelligently. He answered accurately and without prompting every question put to him both by the W. M. and the Wardens, repeated the obligations of the previous degrees with perfect accuracy, and evidently paid the closest attention to and thoroughly appreciated every word of the ceremonial. As already intimated, the work of the W. M. could not have been improved upon. It was practically letter perfect, and was delivered with such a quiet dignity, and yet force and impressiveness, as to render listening to it both a literary and intellectual treat. The work of the Wardens was excellent, as was that of the Deacons. To sum up, I can only say that though I have seen the third degree put on with more elaboration of detail and greater spectacular effect, I never witnessed, nor do I ever expect to witness, greater fidelity to the ritual combined with such a remarkable impressiveness and an almost ideal perfection in every particular. The Secretary, Bro. Sydney Smith, was unavoidably absent, but I found his books in first-class order. There were practically no outstanding dues at the end of the year, a fact which speaks volumes for the faithfulness of the brethren of Ionic, and especially for the efficiency of the brother who is now regarded as its Treasurer almost by prescriptive right, so long has he filled the position, R. W. Bro. C. W. Postlethwaite. This lodge has subscribed and paid nearly \$1.200 to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, an average of almost \$5.00 per member. This is a splendid record, and one which, I think, so far at least as regards the average amount of subscription per member, has not been equalled by any lodge in the jurisdiction. The whole jurisdiction has reason to be proud of Ionic

lodge, for in character of membership, excellence of work, financial position, charity, and indeed in every other particular its standing is of the very highest. During the evening Bro. J. B. Boomer, who has been a member of the lodge for thirty years, and at one time Senior Warden, was presented by R. W. Bro. Edward B. Brown, on behalf of the lodge, with the jewel of a Past Junior Warden. The lodge was then presented by Bro. Boomer with a Bible over ninety years old, and with a square and compasses by W. Bro. George F. Shepley. Among those present were: R. W. Bros. E. J. B. Duncan, T. B. Brown, Aubrey White, Donald Ross, P. D. D. G. M's; C. W. Postlethwaite and W. George Eakins, P. G. S. W.; V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith, G. J. D., Douglas Ponton and Dr. G. Sterling Ryerson; W. Bros. J. M. Woodland, W. M. of Doric, and E. R. Dransfield, W. M. of Zetland lodges, W. Bros. James Haywood, S. B. Sykes, J. R. Roaf, K. J. Dunstan, C. R. W. Postlethwaite, R. R. Lockhart and other Past Masters.

"E. J. B. DUNCAN, D.D.G.M. No. 11."

St. John's Lodge, No. 75: This meeting will go on record as marking the occasion when the lodge honored R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, P. D. D. G. M., by making him an honorary life member with full privileges. The R. W. Bro. is deservedly popular in his new Masonic home, and the event was a most interesting one. The first degree was given under adverse conditions, W. Bro. Alexander Fraser, W. M., suffering at the time from a severe cold, which subsequently developed into pneumonia. In spite of this drawback the W. M. worked the degree satisfactorily, assisted by his efficient officers and by an excellent choir. The finances are in good condition and the books show a balance in the bank and in investments of \$5,000. Both the Treasurer and the Secretary are efficient. There were present at this meeting, among others, R. W. Bros. E. J. B. Duncan, J. B. Nixon and William Simpson, V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, and W. Bros. K. J. Dunstan, J. H. McKinnon, James G. Boyce, H. S. King, P. T. Lee, R. W. Brennan, C. Matthews, M. Leverty and Charles E. Howarth.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87: R. W. Bros. George Tait and F. G. Inwood and W. Bro. R. W. Cavell accompanied me on this visit on the 5th January, and, with the other brethren present made it a most successful and en-

joyable meeting. There was a very large attendance, and the second degree was admirably worked by W. Bro. Thomas Hood, W. M., and his officers. The lodge has a membership of 67. The dues are not in arrear. The sum of \$57.00 has been contributed to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund in one year. The lodge room is the property of the lodge and unencumbered. The room is well furnished and fully insured. After the meeting the brethren adjourned to the Tremont House, where an excellent reast was furnished by W. Bro. C. Saunderson and an enjoyable evening spent. There were present, among others, W. Bros. S. B. Todd and D. A. Clark, P. M's of Zeredatha lodge; A. Royce, P. M. of Wellington lodge; D. A. R. Beaton, P. M.; W. Bros. W. Jesse Knott, Jonathan B. Gould, F. A. Reesor, J. B. Reeve, John F. Davison, A. C. Reesor, A. S. Gormully and R. A. Mason, P. M's of Markham Union lodge. The lodge is fortunate in having the services of W. Bro. R. A. Mason for Secretary.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Queensville: I postponed my official visit to this lodge so as to enable its members to get settled in their new quarters. The removal from Sharon to Queensville is evidently in the interests of the lodge. According to arrangement, the new lodge room was dedicated the day I made my visit, and M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary, was kind enough to accompany me and take charge of the proceedings. A party of thirty left Toronto on Saturday, the 9th June, by Metropolitan car, and picked up brethren at various points on the way. We were driven from Newmarket to Queensville, where we arrived at 2.30 in the afternoon and were treated to an excellent luncheon prepared by the ladies of the Willing Workers' Society of Queensville. I never enjoyed a luncheon more than I did on that occasion. The dedication ceremony was then performed with M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray as Grand Master. At its close M. W. Bro. Murray, R. W. Bros. Howitt (Grand Chaplain), William Roaf, Aubrey White, T. H. Brunton, F. G. Inwood, W. George Eakins, H. A. Nicholls and E. J. B. Duncan, and W. Bro. Hill, the W. M., addressed the brethren in appropriate terms. I inspected the books of the lodge, which are neatly and appropriately kept by the competent Secretary, Bro. B. F. Pearson. They show the lodge to be on the road to

prosperity. The visitors of the day are indebted, not only to the members of Sharon lodge, but also to the ladies of the village for kind and generous hospitality. The following were present: R. W. Bros. E. M. Carleton, D. D. G. M., Toronto West District No. 11; Rev. F. E. Howitt, Hamilton, Grand Chaplain; A. White, William Roaf, K.C., F. G. Inwood, W. G. Eakins, E. J. B. Duncan, H. A. Nicholls, T. H. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M's of Toronto Districts; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, Toronto, G. J. D.; J. Parcell, East Toronto, and T. Pedlar, Hamilton, G. S.; W. Bros. S. T. Bastedo, P. T. Lee, Ed. Barber, F. Saunders, D. Grigg, R. W. Brennan, H. S. King, J. H. McKinnon, H. H. McKague, K. J. Dunstan, Bros. J. B. Brennan, L. Aylesworth and R. Cassels, Toronto; W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Toronto Junction; W. Bro. J. C. Steele, of Patterson Lodge; W. Bros. G. B. Newberry, W. H. Lake, T. Newton and T. A. Lemon, Richmond Hill; W. Bros. D. A. Radcliffe and W. H. Birchard; Bros. T. A. Wilson and Charles Lundy, Aurora; W. Bros. J. B. Gould, M. L. Nutting, C. H. Nixon and Bro. W. S. Ormiston, Uxbridge; W. Bros. Dr. Brodie and R. E. Forsyth, Brougham Union Lodge, Claremont; W. Bros. P. Morgan and Bros. R. F. Schmidt, D. B. Kinsey, L. Fisher, W. E. Eves, D. Brackon, J. Rogers, Newmarket, and many others.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket: Through the kindness of Bro. C. L. Wilson, of St. Andrew's lodge, a private car on the Metropolitan railway was placed at my disposal, and I made my official visit of inspection to this lodge, accompanied by thirty brethren from Toronto, on the 5th April. The party was added to at Thornhill, Richmond Hill and Aurora. The third degree was worked to my complete satisfaction. Bro. Marcus T. Lester and his quartette furnished the music. W. Bro. P. Morgan is a competent Master. I can speak similarly of the other officers as regards their respective duties. R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton is an excellent Treasurer, notwithstanding the fact that he does not approve of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. The lodge's finances and affairs are quite satisfactory. The evening was most enjoyable, thanks to the hospitality of the members of the lodge, which was tested to the uttermost, and the singing by Bros. W. N. Shaver, Charles E. Reiner, Geo. J. Bannister, Kenneth Metcalf and Marcus T. Lester.

This meeting will not soon be forgotten. Among those present were: R. W. Bro. T. M. Carleton, D. D. G. M., of Toronto West District; V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith, G. J. D., and T. W. Barber, G. D. of C.; W. Bros. E. Barber, of Zeta, and R. W. Brennan, St. George; J. M. Woodland, of Doric, and G. H. D. Lee, Ionic, Masters of the Toronto lodges; W. Bros. A. Pearson, W. G. Jones, W. H. Hutchinson, James Haywood, P. T. Lee, A. M. Brown, W. R. Cavell. From Thornhill were R. W. Bro. J. E. Frances, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. R. S. Thompson, and from Aurora were W. Bros. Birchard and Baldwin. The party was met at Newmarket by R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M., and escorted to the lodge room.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: A special meeting of this lodge was held on 14th February for the purpose of securing the attendance of the M. W. the Grand Master, when I made my visit of inspection. Again I was indebted to Bro. Charles L. Wilson, of St. Andrew's Lodge, for the services he rendered me in organizing the party. The first degree was satisfactorily worked; the affairs of the lodge are in good condition; the members are justly proud over having acquired a new hall, which they own, and which is one of the best in the district. Masonry is prospering in Aurora. The Master, W. Bro. W. Birchard, is most energetic, and is ably supported by his officers and Past Masters. The banquet was a success and the speeches made by the Grand Master and others most interesting. Among those present were: M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master; R. W. Bros. Aubrey White and E. B. Brown, P. D. D. G. M's; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, G. J. D.; W. Bros. A. E. Hagerman, W. M. of St. Andrew's lodge; Ed. Barber, W. M. of Zeta lodge, both of Toronto; D. Hill, W. M. of Richmond lodge, Richmond Hill; A. Carley, W. M. of Robertson lodge; W. Bros. John Pearson, C. E. Edmonds, A. J. Anderson, W. R. Cavell, of Toronto; W. Bros. T. French, George Newberry, R. A. Farquharson, A. McCallum, D. A. Radcliffe, W. J. Stevenson, A. G. Nicol, C. Russell, F. T. Daville (Mayor of Aurora), E. Brand, R. M. Hillary, F. Baldwin, Rev. Brace.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville: I was fortunate when visiting this lodge on 4th January in securing the company of R. W. Bros. Aubrey White and Lud. K.

Cameron, and W. Bro. Frank Saunders, P. M. of St. George's lodge. Bro. Cameron was born in Stouffville (prior to Confederation), and Bro. Saunders resided there many years and is responsible for the architectural beauty of the town. Their efforts to revive old memories were pathetic. The W. M. and his officers worked the second degree for my inspection. All the officers know their work. I must comment on the good work of W. Bro. Shankel, the Secretary, who is efficient in every particular. The lodge is sound financially, the dues are fairly well paid, and the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund is receiving attention. A successful church service was held during the year. The books show that \$50 have been disbursed by the lodge in charity, which is the best evidence I can offer that the true spirit of Masonry prevails. Among the others present were: W. Bros. F. H. Gray, L. B. Forsyth, Dr. W. A. Sangster and Rev. F. L. Barber.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: I deemed it advisable to visit this lodge on the 9th April, which prevented me from giving the customary official notice. There was a good attendance, and although R. W. Bro. John Watson, the Master, had scarcely a day's notice, he and his officers exemplified the third degree in a satisfactory manner. Bro. E. D. Apted, the S. W., was particularly good. I and my District Secretary, V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, received a cordial welcome from the R. W. M. and his officers and members, and all the proceedings were conducted to my satisfaction. The fourth degree was pleasant, and the remarks made by R. W. Bro. Watson, W. Bro. J. W. Jones, I.P.M., Joseph Leach and Bros. E. D. Apted, George Wilson and Ferguson had a true Masonic ring, so much so that I am convinced that the trouble which has unfortunately existed in this lodge for more than a year would have been avoided or settled by the timely exercise of prudence and forbearance, and that any wrong which has been done by way of violation of the Constitution and the by-laws was prompted by a sincere desire (though a mistaken one) of furthering the interests of the lodge. It now rests with the members of the lodge to be patient in this their hour of adversity and prove to the Craft that they can rise superior to temporary misfortune. Then Stevenson lodge will once again take its place among the prosperous lodges of the

jurisdiction. I respectfully invoke the Masonic charity of Grand Lodge on behalf of the members of Stevenson lodge. Among those present were: W. Bros. W. G. Jones, James Baird, Jackson L. Little, W. J. Wilson, J. Leake, John Stephens, George Wilson, J. H. Horswell, W. Bro. Hutchinson and others.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: It was with a feeling of diffidence that I visited this lodge. I delayed doing so until the last meeting of my official year, which was held on 4th June. R. W. Bro. Aubrey White and W. Bro. W. R. Cavell accompanied me. There was not the slightest evidence of want of harmony or dissatisfaction displayed throughout the whole meeting, save in the ballot box, which twice that evening repeated the same old story it has been telling the past three years, and telling it so silently and effectually and without apparent reason that the result was depressing and hopeless, like fighting a treacherous enemy in the dark. I labored assiduously and to the best of my ability to adjust the unfortunate trouble, and repeatedly sought and received the kind assistance not only of R. W. Bro. Harvey Gould, P. D. D. G. M., and other prominent members of the lodge, but also that of the M. W. the Grand Master, who was kind enough to remain over in Toronto and receive with me a deputation from the lodge to consider the situation. I felt that the trouble would be adjusted at this meeting, and the result was a bitter disappointment to me, especially when I felt convinced that there was nothing to justify the unmasonic procedure. I made careful inquiry about the propositions which have lately been submitted to the lodge and found them to be free from objection. Should the same state of affairs continue to exist for another six months I think that Grand Lodge should take action in the matter. Notwithstanding this trouble the lodge has a good financial showing. There are no dues outstanding, and the W. M. and officers are competent and the work they rehearsed for me was satisfactory. Again a competent Secretary in the person of Bro. V. M. Hare. W. Bro. Nix, the W. M., is entitled to the sympathy of the Craft. He has earnestly and conscientiously labored in the interests of the lodge, and, as far as I could gather, has no enemies, but is simply a victim of circumstances. The brethren made the fourth degree a success, and I can conscientiously say that the

hospitality of Zeredatha lodge is truly Masonic I am convinced that the lodge will yet be, as it should, taking into consideration its surroundings and membership, one of the foremost in the district. Among those present at the meeting were: R. W. Bro. Harvey G. Gould, P. D. D. G. M.; V. W. Bros. S. B. Todd and M. L. Nutting; W. Bros. D. Grigg, P. M. of Zeta lodge! D. A. Clark, T. Hardy, D. Campbell, Dr. Bascom, M. H. Crosby and S. S. Sharpe, P. M's of Zeredatha lodge; Bros. H. P. Coote, of Harmony lodge; Tobias Castor, of Brougham Union lodge; R. A. Purvis, J. Rowan, M. Hall and J. Reynolds, of King Edward lodge.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Claremont: I visited this lodge on 2nd May, accompanied by W. Bros. W. R. Cavell and J. Walsh and Bro. James Douglas. Unfortunately the W. M. was unexpectedly called away, and the chair was filled by W. Bro. R. Brodie, who, with the officers, conferred the first degree satisfactorily and conducted the affairs of the lodge in a prompt and business-like manner. I am assured by the Past Masters of the lodge that the Master can work all the degrees, and I had evidence that the other officers are proficient. The books of the lodge are well kept by its competent Secretary, W. Bro. R. E. Forsyth, who presided at the fourth degree. The lodge has a membership of 55, and the dues are practically all paid up. The members take an earnest interest in the affairs of the lodge and intend acquiring a new lodge room, which they are in need of. I spent a most enjoyable evening, thanks to the members and visitors present. There were visiting brethren from Toronto, Uxbridge, Pickering, East Toronto, West Toronto, Markham and Manitoba, viz.: W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, P. M. of Zeta lodge, Toronto; W. Bro. C. H. Nix, W. M. of Zeredatha lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge! W. Bro. D. Campbell, P. M. of Zeredatha lodge; Bro. W. S. Ormiston, J. W., and Bro. V. M. Hare, Secretary of Zeredatha lodge; W. Bro. G. P. Every, W. M. of Pickering lodge, No. 424, and Bro. D. E. Pugh, Secretary of Pickering lodge No. 424; W. Bro. J. Parsell, P. M. of Acacia lodge, No. 430, East Toronto; W. Bros. J. B. Gould, P. M., F. A. Reesor, P.M., and W. I. Devitt, P.M., and Bro. F. Hornshaw, Markham Union No. 87; Bro. John Pirie, Crystal lodge No. 71, Crystal City, Man. Among the Past Masters of Brougham Union lodge present were:

W. Bros. R. T. Forsyth, J. Douglas, W. Barnes, E. J. Welsh, A. E. Major and R. J. Price.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: I visited this lodge on their annual Irish night, when the occasion was honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master and the M. W. the Immediate Past Grand Master, R. W. Bro. T. M. Carlton, D. D. G. M. Toronto No. 11, also W. Bro. Harry W. Crabbs, W. M. of Transportation Lodge, Buffalo, accompanied by his officers and a goodly number of the members of that lodge. It was the greatest gathering of the year and a highly successful one. W. Bro. J. M. Woodland, the W. M., and his officers exemplified the third degree most elaborately, and were assisted by a splendid choir under the direction of Bro. Marcus T. Lester. The meeting was full of interest and has given me much food for thought. I witnessed what might be called many innovations, taken, I fancy, from the American work, which I had never seen before. Some of them are worthy of consideration by Grand Lodge for adoption. Music when rendered by such competent brethren as are the members of the Doric quartette has charms indeed, and appeals to many as a desirable improvement on the ordinary work as seen in the majority of the lodges, provided it does not overshadow the work as prescribed by Grand Lodge. It has caused considerable discussion, and it would be well for Grand Lodge to consider the matter and set the question at rest. For my part, I would prefer a certain amount of latitude being given to the Master of a lodge as regards the manner in which a degree may be given, and be content if the substance and ideas are conveyed to the candidate. Doric is the most progressive lodge in the district and has the largest attendance at its meetings, due in a large degree to its musical attractions. The danger ahead of it, in my humble opinion, is its progressiveness. It is taking in too many members. Its success stands in its way. Last year over one hundred candidates were initiated. To my mind this is, at least, seventy too many, and if this rate of increase continues I would suggest their handing over the surplus to a less fortunate lodge or that a new one be formed. The Master and officers cannot do justice to any such number in one year. The fourth degree at this meeting was very interesting. In addition to the beautiful music, the

speeches, especially those of the Grand Master and the Buffalo brethren, were excellent. There were present at this meeting: M. W. Bros. J. H. Burritt, K. C., Grand Master, and B. Allen, P. G. M.; R. W. Bros. E. M. Carlton, D. D. G. M. Toronto West District No. 11; J. W. Watson, D. D. G. M. Ontario District; James Glanville and F. G. Inwood, of Toronto; J. J. Craig, of Fergus, and J. C. Bartle, of Niagara Falls, P. D. D. G. M's; V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith, G. J. D.; T. W. Barber, G. D. of C.; H. Leeson, H. A. Taylor and J. A. Cowan, Past Grand officers; W. Bros. A. E. Hagerman, R. W. Brennan and E. R. Dransfield, Masters of Toronto lodges; W. Bros. James Haywood, Arthur Pearson, Wm McCartney, B. N. Davis, C. W. I. Woodland and other Toronto Past Masters. From Royal Victoria Lodge, of Montreal, there were W. Bros. Goldthrope and Moffat, and from Transportation Lodge, No. 842, Buffalo, N.Y., W. Bro. Harry W. Crabbs, W. M.; Bros. Henry Beeny, S. W.; George A. Halbrie, J. D.; Charles S. Clifford, S. S.; A. Bert Henshaw, J. S.; R. W. Bros. A. Crowshaw, D. D. G. M., and Henry A. Thomas, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bros. F. P. Fox, G. G. Street, Wm. Cleistain and M. H. Blecher, and other brethren.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: W. Bro. E. Mack, the W. M. of this lodge, is evidently popular among the members of the Craft in Toronto. I had no difficulty in getting a number of brethren to accompany me when I visited Orient lodge on 1st May. The W. M. and his officers presented the first degree as it should be and was ably assisted by a good choir. The Junior Warden's lecture was given by Bro. H. F. Boyd in a novel and attractive manner. The lodge has a membership of about two hundred. Twenty were initiated and ten affiliated last year. It has assisted the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, the lodge room is attractive and well furnished, the Secretary is efficient, and the only matter of regret to me at the time was the sum outstanding for dues. I hope the returns will show a reduction. A noticeable feature was the large representation of young men, which augurs well for the future of the lodge. Among those present were: R. W. Bros. Aubrey White, E. B. Brown, F. G. Inwood, Dr. Ross and C. W. Postlethwaite; V. W. Bro. Henry T. Smith, W. Bros. K. J. Dunstan, J. M. Woodland, A. Pearson, F. Anderson, P. T. Lee, W.

J. Chick, J. W. Thompson, George Moore, D. Hunter, Marcus T. Lester and quartette of Doric lodge.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto: This was my first official visit of inspection to a city lodge, and I went with feelings of diffidence, which, however, due to the cordial welcome I received from W. Bro. H. H. McKague, were soon dispelled. The first degree was given by the W. M. and all his officers to my entire satisfaction. Bro. W. N. Shaver, the J. W., gave the lecture as it should be given, and W. Bro. W. J. Sykes, I. P. M., was impressive in the charge. This lodge is fortunately situated, the room is cosy and well furnished, the books are in the hands of an efficient Secretary, Bro. J. M. Summer. Everything points to prosperity. Last year twenty-one candidates were initiated, and two affiliated. There is a balance in the bank of \$1,094.89. The refreshment table was a pleasant feature. Interesting addresses were given by R. W. Bros. William Roaf and J. B. Nixon, P. D. D. G. M's, on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. Among others there were present: R. W. Bros. Wm. Roaf, H. T. White, J. B. Nixon, V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith, T. W. Barber, W. Bros. R. F. Segsworth and James Haywood. Those who took part in the musical program were Bros. De Mille, W. N. Shaver, R. Wilson, E. C. Tyrrell, C. A. Barnard and Ed. Anderson. I again visited this lodge on 7th April, when my friend, Bro. John Hamilton, was initiated. I was accompanied on this occasion by R. W. Bro. Edward B. Brown, V. W. Bros. Charles Mansell and Raymond Walker, and Bros. Major Crozier, Captain Malone and T. S. Baker.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: The first of my official visits of inspection was made to this lodge on the 8th November, in which I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Edward B. Brown. Owing to the inclement weather the candidate, who lives some distance away, did not present himself. Still, from the exemplification of the work I witnessed I felt satisfied that W. Bro. Johnston and his officers can work all the degrees. The lodge is doing well. Four propositions were read out that night. The dues are well looked after, and I saw evidences in the minutes of charity being liberally dispensed. A scheme for aiding the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund was in progress, which, I think, will be successful. A portrait of the late W. Bro. Hugh Wil-

son, an esteemed brother, who had rendered great service to the lodge, was presented to the lodge by his relatives. W. Bro. J. F. Kift is a most energetic and competent Secretary. He is ever alert in the interests of the lodge. Members of the neighboring district have several times intimated to me that Brock lodge should not be in this district, but, from opinions I received from the members of the lodge, there is no desire to change—in fact, the lodge would strongly oppose it. There were present, among others, on this occasion, W. Bros. F. Foster, A. Dobson, H. S. Bingham, M. D., M. McLeod, W. A. McLachlan and Lacey.

St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: I visited this lodge, the Masonic home of my lamented predecessor, R. W. Bro. J. J. Thompson. W. Bro. R. W. Brennan, the efficient W. M., and his officers conferred the third degree, as I expected they would, in a manner beyond reasonable criticism. The affairs of the lodge are quite satisfactory and are well looked after by the W. M., his officers, and the Board of General Purposes. I have many personal friends in this lodge, such as W. Bros. H. J. Hickson, Frank Saunders (whose son fills the Senior Warden's chair), and W. Bro. Brennan, the W. M., has assisted me in my labors by attending me on many of my visits. The fourth degree was pleasant, and the music, under the guidance of Bro. W. J. Ball, added to the enjoyment. The following brethren were present on the occasion: V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith, G. J. D., and G. K. Clemens, G. S.; W. Bros. A. T. Hagerman, W. M. of St. Andrew's; J. W. Payne, W. M. of Rehoboam; R. T. Porte, W. M. of Alpha, and Edward Barber, W. M. of Zeta lodges, all of Toronto; W. Bros. Frank Saunders, J. W. Hickson, W. C. Burt, W. J. Guy, W. B. Stoneham, P. M's, of St. George, and Fred. Prince, P. M. of Occident lodge, and W. Bro. J. S. Varley, P. M. of Lodge Friendship, No. 277, Oldham, Lancashire, Tngland.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: I visited this lodge on 23rd March, and was pleased to have with me R. W. Bros. James Glanville, P. D. D. G. M., and Harry White, G. J. W., who assisted me in the evening's functions. W. Bro. E. Barber and his officers satisfactorily exemplified the first degree. The lodge is well equipped but has to officers and Past Masters. W. Bros. W. R. Cayell and Greig, also the W. M., have done me the honor of attend-

ing me on visits outside the city on a number of occasions. The lodge has a membership of 200, initiated 20 candidates and had 10 affiliations during the year. Besides assisting the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, the lodge has paid out \$100.00 to other charitable objects. It has an excellent choir. The following were present : W. Bros. D. Grigg, George McQuillan, W. R. Cavell, Dr. R. C. Griffith, John C. Gray and T. G. Malcolm, R. W. Bros. James Glanville, T. R. Stephenson, Simcoe ; W. Bros. Ed. Egan, W. H. Osborne, Owasa, Michigan ; Tim Barber. I also had the privilege of attending the meeting of this lodge on 20th May, when its twenty-first anniversary was celebrated and a Past Masters' reunion also held. The first degree was worked by the Past Masters. A large and representative gathering was present, including M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, who, when Grand Master signed the charter of the lodge, also R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, D. G. M. ; M. W. Bros. E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer ; Benjamin Allen, P. G. M. ; R. W. Bros. E. M. Carleton, D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11 ; Aubrey White, Harry White, G. J. W. ; J. W. Watson, V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith, T. W. Barber, W. Bros. James G. Boyce, W. C. Burt, R. E. Porte, L. E. Lane, H. S. King, H. H. McKague, Tim Barber, W. H. Roberts, R. W. Brennan, W. J. King, B. W. Rowland, W. Bros. D. Grigg, Dr. R. C. Griffith, George McQuillan, A. B. Mitchell, T. G. Malcolm, John C. Gray, visitors.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering : I visited this lodge under adverse circumstances on the 5th April ; the weather was inclement and I was feeling below par. It was the only official visit I made without being attended by some one or more members of Grand Lodge and other brethren. But, in spite of these drawbacks, the meeting proved to be as interesting and attractive as any I attended. The bright, nicely furnished lodge room, the intelligent, earnest Master and officers and the excellent manner in which the third degree was worked made me forget all bodily discomforts. The candidate, Bro. Chapman, was also worthy of mention for the keen and intelligent interest he took in the proceedings. The lodge and if the succeeding Masters are as efficient as is W. Bro. George W. P. Every its future is assured. It has now a membership of forty-one and the dues are well paid up. The fourth degree was very pleasant. There were

present, among others, W. Bros. Dr. Bateman, A. Falconer, George Kerr, George Every, R. E. Johnston, R. S. Lillingham, John Gormley, R. A. Bunting and B. Gormley, Past Masters of the lodge; W. Bros. Thomas Gregg and R. E. Forsyth, and Bros. G. H. Hare, A. B. Dowswell, H. W. Madill and F. W. Dowswell, f Brougham Union Lodge.

Acacia Lodge, No. 430, Toronto: This lodge is a favorite resort for Toronto Masons, due to its hospitality and pleasant situation. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Edward B. Brown, P. D. D. G. M.; W. Bros. S. B. Sykes, P. M. of Ionic lodge; J. M. Woodland, W. M., and Arthur Pearson, I. P. M., of Doric lodge, and Bros Marcus T. Lester, Charles E. Reiner, George T. and Kenneth Bannister, members of the Doric quartette, and Bro. E. R. Bowles, their accompanist, when I visited the lodge on 21st May. The first degree was satisfactorily exemplified by W. Bro. J. W. Johnson and his officers. The work of the Junior Deacon, Bro. J. W. Prestwick, was particularly effective. The affairs of the lodge are in excellent condition and its future is assured. The fourth degree was particularly bright, due to the happy manner in which the W. M. presided. The excellent speeches of R. W. Bros. E. B. Brown and Rev. W. L. Baynes Reed and V. W. Bro. Parsell, W. Bros. S. B. Sykes and J. M. Woodland and others, and the singing of the Doric quartette, were appreciated. The following brethren were present: W. Bro. John Richardson, R. W. Bro. Rev. W. L. Baynes Reed, V. W. Bro. John Parsell, W. Bro. Giles, W. Bro. W. H. Grant, W. Bro. Fitzpatrick, Bro. W. H. Clay, J. W., A. Johnston, S. W., H. Carnahan, J. Zeiman, W. Prestwick, S. Jones, I.G., W. Bro. Brownlee, L. H. Graham, Dr. W. R. Walters, P. M.

The Beaches Lodge, U. D.: I officially visited this, the youngest lodge in the district, on the 12th January, accompanied by W. Bros. G. H. D. Lee, W. M.; Kenneth J. Dunstan, I. P. M. of Ionic, and John Pearson, P. M. of St. Andrew's, when I received a cordial welcome from that good old Masonic veteran, W. Bro. J. McP. Ross, the W. M., and his officers. This lodge held its first meeting on the 6th May, 1905, and installed its first candidate on 10th June, 1905. It had on the day of my visit a membership of forty-six, and has initiated fifteen, with two affiliations. The first degree was impressively

presented to two candidates, accompanied by excellent music from the choir. W. Bro. John McCurrah, a member of this lodge, is one of the best workers in the district. There are no outstanding dues, and there is a balance in the bank of \$290.00. Again I must refer to an efficient Secretary in the person of Bro. W. J. Far-
mery.

I cannot resist the desire to express the pleasure and satisfaction I feel, and which, I know, is shared by all Canadians, especially by members of the Craft, and more especially by those who belong to the legal profession, over the fact that His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, has seen fit to honor our esteemed R. W. Bro. Æmilius Irving, now known as Sir Æmilius Irving, and recognized as the Nestor of the Canadian bar. I need not refer to the prominent part our brother has played in the history of our country or Masonry—it is well known to all. No Canadian deserves recognition at the hands of his sovereign more than Sir Æmilius does; no Canadian can wear the honor with such becoming dignity. Long may he be spared to enjoy it.

Since writing the above report I have received the returns from the various lodges of the district, which appear in the table annexed. I regret I had not the returns before me when writing my report; it would have made a difference; I would have been more lavish with my words of commendation. A close analysis of the returns justifies me in saying that the district was never in such a prosperous condition as it has been during the year. I am proud of it.

I feel constrained to say, in conclusion, that the many favors and kindnesses I have received at the hands of my brethren throughout the district during my term of office, and the forbearance they have shown towards my shortcomings will always be remembered by me with sincerest gratitude.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. W. HAROURT, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto East District No. 11a.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Toronto East District, No. 11A, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Total No. of all Mem.	Decrease during year.	M.M.	Affiliations.	Restitutions.	Suspensions, N.P.D.	Decreas.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arreages.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W.M. work all degrees	Insurance.					
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto.....	324	5	15	19	15	2	6	2	4	10	8	18	57	168	56	'06	Good	Yes				
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	44	4	6	11	7	2	12	14	20	8	00	9	12	50	June 24,	'06	Good	Yes				
25	Ionic	Toronto.....	258	6	9	12	4	1	8	3	9	6	15	34	95	84	.....	Good	Good				
75	St. John's	Toronto.....	289	13	19	19	13	4	1	9	1	3	11	6	17	69	150	00	High	Excellent				
87	Markm Un.	Markm Un.	69	8	8	9	9	2	2	3	2	14	18	23	101	00	4	.....	Dec. 27, '05	Good			
97	Sharon	Queensville	67	13	11	7	7	2	2	3	2	13	16	13	30	00	11	26	50	June 24, '05	Fair			
99	Tuscan	Newmarket.....	72	5	5	4	4	1	1	1	1	11	11	26	20	60	5	27,	05	Good	Good			
120	Rising Sun	Aurora.....	76	9	2	7	4	3	3	4	1	10	13	13	18	20	4	00	6	36	00			
136	Richardson	Stouffville.....	61	1	6	5	1	1	4	2	2	10	16	23	37	00	4	18	00	June 25, '06	Good			
218	Stevenson	Toronto.....	220	...	7	15	8	4	1	5	3	15	5	7	11	2	13	52	.....	7	40	00	
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge.....	79	1	1	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	13	14	20	20	20	27,	05	Poor	Not Good			
269	Bing'm Un.	Clarendont.....	57	5	2	5	4	5	1	2	2	12	11	14	21	9	00	3	14	00	June, 1904..	Good		
316	Doric	Toronto.....	394	78	85	75	16	4	9	2	1	1	11	28	39	70	161	00	12	715	00	Dec. 1905..	Good	
339	Orient	Toronto.....	273	15	26	22	19	2	4	5	11	11	11	11	23	68	56	44	15	157	65	June 34, '06	Good	
313	Georgian	Toronto.....	242	...	13	13	13	5	1	13	2	4	11	11	22	60	100	00	8	150	00	Jan. 1906..	Fest	
354	Brock	Cannington.....	68	2	4	6	5	1	2	2	2	11	13	14	12	32	00	14	46	00	Dec. 27, '05	Good		
367	St. George	Toronto.....	256	29	29	26	29	3	4	3	1	3	12	7	19	66	276	50	10	521	00	June 24, '05	Good	
410	Zeta	Toronto.....	202	18	22	14	14	1	2	3	1	3	10	9	17	138	40	17	91	64	June 25, '06	Good		
424	Doric	Pickerling.....	41	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	9	9	9	12	17	19	25	5	12	00	June 24, '06	Fair	
430	Acacia	East Toronto.....	124	9	11	10	9	4	1	6	1	1	12	7	19	25	67	00	20	153	57	June 24, '05	Good	
473	The Beach's	Balmy Beach...	55	21	22	19	17	1	1	1	1	12	12	24	20	20	00	20	20	12	12	20	Jan. 1906..	Good

ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting to you my report on the condition of Masonry in Ontario District No. 12 for the past year, and also, at the same time to express my grateful thanks to the brethren for the high honor conferred upon me by electing me, unanimously, to the high office of D. D. G. M. at the meeting of Grand Lodge in Hamilton in July last. Whilst I feel that I may have not done my full duty to the office, yet I have tried to do so, and feel sure that my successor will find as good lodges, worthy brethren and fine halls as in any district in the jurisdiction.

I have had the time of my life visiting the brethren, renewing old acquaintances, making new friends, seeing many places that I had not previously seen, seeing the work done by many Masters and Past Masters, and they in turn have treated me as your representative, and also personally, with the greatest possible courtesy and kindness. I have not made mention of banquets, meeting with brethren, etc., with a few exceptions. Suffice it to say, that the fourth degree has been worked in every visit, many a good speech and song has been heard, and best of all, no liquor has been seen upon any of the tables. It has always been, "happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again." The work, without exception, has been well rendered, books well kept, and dues fairly well paid. I have always brought the Semi-Centennial Fund before the notice of the brethren and trust that the circular recently sent out may have the desired result.

As I am now leaving the district to reside in Toronto, I have to bid the brethren of this district a God-speed in their endeavors to carry out the true principles of Free-masonry, and "may the Most High prosper our united endeavors." ,

The first official function that I had the pleasure of taking part in was instituting a lodge at Woodville, to be called "Harding." On November 10th I proceeded there, had a look at the surroundings, at their hall, the furniture, regalia, and had a long talk with the principal officers. I had the honor of being accompanied by M. W. Bro. Judge Harding, P. G. M., V. W. Bro. J. W. Wallace, V. Bro. Dr. Wood, of Lindsay, and many others. Visitors were also present from Beaverton, Cannington, Kirkfield, and other places. The lodge room is commodious, well lighted, heated, very well furnished, is owned by the lodge, and everything betokens a bright future for this, the baby lodge of the district. The W. M. designate, W. Bro. Staback, a P. M. of Victoria lodge, Kirkfield, supported by his Wardens and other officers, are very enthusiastic in their work, and the prospects of the lodge are of the best. The Secretary, Bro. P. McIntyre, has the reputation of being a model man for the position. After the opening ceremony no less than 21 applications were received, about whom I made careful enquiries, and am satisfied that they are all good men and true. After the close of the lodge a fine banquet was served, to which the applicants were invited, and also to the meeting that was held afterwards in the lodge room. We had the pleasure of listening to an able address on the Semi-Centennial Fund from M. W. Bro. Harding, and also speeches from many of the brethren and would-be brethren.

On February 7th I had the honor and also pleasure of holding a Lodge of Instruction at Fenelon Falls under the auspices of the Spry Lodge, No. 406. The brethren of The Spry lodge have recently moved into handsome new quarters, and have now, without exception, one of the finest halls outside the cities in the province, and very few cities have better. General surprise was expressed at the convenience and size of the new hall, banquet hall, ante and preparation rooms. Great credit must be given to R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald for the work he has done for his lodge in particular and for the Craft in general. He has been a hard worker for years. There were 106 brethren present, among whom were no less than 16 Masters and Past Masters. The lodges represented were Beaverton, Woodville, Sunderland, Kirkfield, Haliburton, Minden, Kinmount, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay and Bobcay-

geon. W. Bro. Begg, of Faithful Brethren, Lindsay, worked the E. A. degree; W. Bro. Furness, of Murray, Beaverton, the Fellow Craft, and W. Bro. R. Clark, of North Entrance, Haliburton, the Master Mason degree. The whole of the work was done in an almost faultless manner and evoked the highest praise from all present. Proper candidates were presented for the three degrees. I had also the pleasure of the company of M. W. Bro. Judge Harding, my particular friend and guide. After the conclusion of the work a very fine banquet was served in the beautiful banqueting hall, to which full justice was done. A very handsome souvenir of the occasion was presented to each brother. Old Masons who had attended many similar functions were unanimous in saying that it was the best that they had ever attended. All went away "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

On May 10th I had the pleasure of again visiting Harding lodge, Woodville, for the purpose of inspecting the working of the lodge, and reporting as to the advisability of granting a warrant by the Grand Lodge. I was greeted by the W. M., W. Bro. Staback, and the Secretary, Bro. P. McIntyre, and went over the books of the lodge, and also witnessed the conferring the E. A. and F. C. degrees. The work was done in a manner that would do credit to any lodge in the district, everything is prosperous in connection with this lodge, and I have much pleasure in asking the Grand Lodge to grant a warrant to this lodge. The junior officers are of the best, the brethren who are coming in are the pick of the country, and they also have bought the property in which the hall is situated. No mistake can be made in granting the desired warrant to Harding lodge, Woodville.

I am at a loss to mention the lodge which has welcomed me the warmest, and in which I have seen the best work. I simply cannot name that lodge, and I hope and trust that in the future the lodges of this district will continue to prosper in the future as they have done in the past.

I would not do my duty if I did not mention the advice and support that I have received from M. W. Bro. Harding and from M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, the Grand Secretary. May their shadows never grow less. They have indeed been a tower of strength to me, and I hope in the course of time to partly repay them.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby: W. Bro. Pringle, W. M.; W. Bro. R. S. Cormack, Secretary. I visited this lodge on February 21st and met with a very warm reception. The W. M., W. Bro. Pringle, presided. He and his officers worked the Sublime degree in a perfect manner. Everything was done to make the ceremony as impressive as possible. I had the pleasure of meeting many Past Masters of this lodge, and shall break through my rule in saying that I also met R. W. Bro. Ross, who consecrated my lodge many years ago. I also paid a visit to Bro. Barrett, an old and worthy Mason who has been in distressed circumstances, and is a splendid example of the benefits of the S. C. Fund. I found the hall and other rooms in first-class condition, well laid out, well furnished, and everything provided to conduct the work properly. The work was the M. M. degree, Bro. Bell, the Chief of Police, was the victim, and he will long remember the part that he took in it. He was a splendid candidate. I could not but admire the way in which the work was done. The Secretary's books are perfectly kept, properly audited, dues well paid, and the feeling in "old Whitby town" is very warm towards each other. I had a very pleasant visit and hope that I did some good.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin: W. Bro. J. Bright, W. M.; Bro. J. J. Moore, Secretary. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on March 14th, and found a large hall, nicely furnished, cosy and well warmed by the kind greeting of many of the brethren. Brooklin is one of the "has beens," but Mount Zion is a very live lodge, is in good hands both as regards the present staff of officers, Past Masters and members. The E. A. degree was conferred upon one of its old members, and the work was well done, the candidate being a very intelligent young man. No fault could be found with the work in any way. This lodge is laboring under the disadvantage of its being in an old settled part of the country, very few coming in but many going out, but the brethren are true to the Craft in every respect. Bro. Moore's books are models, dues well paid, and everything in a very satisfactory condition.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay: W. Bro. Begg, W. M.; Bro. Corneil, Secretary. I visited this lodge on February 9th. I had the pleasure of seeing the

officers work the E. A. degree at the Lodge of Instruction at Fenelon Falls on February 7th, which was done in an almost perfect manner. I also had the privilege of seeing the M. M. degree worked this evening, and it was also done very well indeed. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, a large number of good men coming in, and the door is kept well tyed. As previously stated, I shall not mention any officer in particular, either for weal or woe, as all are good. I have visited this lodge in past years and have always found them true and faithful Craftsmen. Dues are well paid, financial standing good. Secretary's books are perfect, general tone of the lodge is of the best, a good general attendance, and I was very much pleased to meet a goodly number of the Past Masters. I enjoyed my visit very much and trust that the remarks that I made will bear fruit.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa: W. Bro. Dalton, W. M.; Bro. A. R. McLean, Secretary. I visited this lodge on March 13th, and was greeted by a very large number of Past Masters, members and visitors from Cedar lodge. There was also a large delegation of brethren from Whitby, including that veteran, V. W. Bro. Taylor. The Master Mason degree was worked in a faultless manner by the W. M. and his officers, and too much praise cannot be given the officers for their work. This lodge includes among its members R. W. Bro. Punshon, my immediate predecessor, who conducted the musical part of the ceremony with his well known skill, and also took part in the ceremony in a most impressive manner. The Secretary's books are well kept, finances in good shape, dues well paid, and the prospects of this lodge are of the best. I also met my old friend, Bro. Borsbery, with whom I had the pleasure of staying on both my visits. One feature of the work that pleased me was the way in which the candidate had his work up before the Wardens, which preparation I found to be general in the district.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon: W. Bro. Herkmeyer, W. M.; W. Bro. W. J. Reid, Secretary. I visited this lodge on April 6th, and was met at the station by the W. M. and the Secretary. I found a very fine hall, furnished with the best procurable, nicely decorated, but, best of all, filled with a warm hearted set of brethren. This lodge is on the high road to increased

prosperity, is taking in first-class material, is well officered, and the work in the E. A. degree was very well done. Nothing could exceed the kindness and warmth of my reception, and, as usual during my visits, I gave them a heart to heart talk, which I have every reason to believe will bear good fruit. I here met one of my oldest friends, V. W. Bro. C. E. Stewart, a staunch adherent to the Craft and his lodge, and several other old friends, and also the oldest member of the lodge, Bro. J. L. Reid. No visit that I have made has given me greater pleasure than this one, as from what I had heard I was prepared to see a very poor lodge, poor attendance, and everything in very poor shape, but found everything was the reverse. I found the dues fairly well paid, and the Secretary's books perfect.

Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa: W. Bro. E. W. Drew, W. M.; W. Bro. L. K. Murton, Secretary. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on February 23rd, and was the guest of my old friend, Bro. Borsbery. I had also the great pleasure of meeting my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Punshon, many Past Masters, and a large number of brethren, including 14 visitors from Whitby. The work was the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, in which R. W. Bro. Punshon, assisted by a choir, took the musical part, and R. W. Bro. Ross also took a part. The degree, as in former instances, and at other places, was worked in a faultless manner, and it was a very great pleasure indeed to see the degree worked the way it was. Too much praise cannot be given the various officers. The rooms at Oshawa are very fine indeed, and are a credit to the brethren of this live town. W. Bro. Murton, the Secretary, has his books kept in a perfect manner, dues well paid, and the financial affairs in very good form. The prospects are very good. The brethren of the two lodges, Lebanon and Cedar, view with each other in giving me a very warm welcome, and I was very sorry indeed to say good-bye to them all. I enjoyed my visit very much indeed.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield: W. Bro. Ross, W. M.; Bro. McClelland, Secretary. Before visiting this lodge I was warned that I should have difficulty in getting away from the clutches of W. Bro. Mosgrove, and the prediction came true. The W. Bro. certainly looked after my interests in every way, and I spent a

very pleasant time with the Secretary. The work was the conferring of the F. C. degree upon a very good candidate, which was done in a manner that no room for fault finding was left. The W. M. and all his officers did themselves proud on the occasion, and worked the degree in a first-class manner. A number of brethren were expected from Fenelon Falls, but through an accident could not be present. I found the books in first-class order, the dues very well paid up, and everything showed that the lodge is in a very prosperous condition. Though not having the membership that they used to have, through removals, yet what they lack in numbers they make up in enthusiasm.

The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls: W. Bro. McGee, W. M.; R. W. Bro. E. Fitzgerald, Secretary. I visited this lodge on April 4th, and was greeted by a very large number of brethren, including R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald, W. Bros. Dr. Graham, Robson and Nye. This is my mother lodge, and each brother seemed to vie with the other fellow to make my visit pleasant. I enjoyed my visit very much and was only sorry to part. The work was the conferring of the E. A. degree upon one of the local bankers, which was done in a faultless manner by the W. M. and his officers. The prospects of this lodge are of the best. Theor beautiful suite of rooms, the furniture, the officers, members, and the crude material upon which to work cannot be excelled in the district. Too much credit cannot be given to the brethren in general, and to R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald in particular, for the enterprise and taste displayed in their new hall. The memory of this visit will ever remain green in my memory.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton: W. Bro. Furness, W. M.; W. Bro. N. Rutherford, Secretary. I visited this lodge on January 4th and found a fine new hall, very well furnished, well lighted, heated, and a very large number of brethren present, including some visitors from King Edward lodge, Sunderland. The work was the Sublime degree, which was very well done. Dues are well paid up, financial condition good, attendance very good, and general tone of the lodge is of the best. The Secretary's books are in perfect condition, and I was greatly cheered by the presence of several Past Masters. No fear may be felt for the future of Murray lodge so

long as they have officers and members as at present. I received a very warm welcome from all, and was sorry to leave. I spent the day with the brethren and found them to be true and worthy brothers.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry: W. Bro. Freeborn, W. M.; W. Bro. Spence, Secretary. I visited this lodge on February 20th, and found a very large number of Past Masters and brethren present to greet me, including a number from a distance. The work for the evening was the E. A. degree, which was rendered in a most excellent manner. Nothing can exceed the good feeling, Masonic and otherwise, existing among the brethren, both in the lodge room and outside. They are in possession of very fine rooms, well laid out, furnished with the best, and have a beautiful, comfortable and complete Masonic home. My visit here was marked by a very warm welcome. The W. M. was in his chair, as were also all his officers, and the veteran Secretary, V. W. Bro. Spence, was also, as usual, on hand. I examined the books and found, as my predecessors had done, everything correct and beautifully kept. The dues are well paid, financial standing very good, and a prosperous time is in store for Fidelity. I had also the pleasure of meeting Past Masters Hutchinson, Davis, Harrison, Swan and Beatty. May their shadows never grow less.

Arcadia Lodge, No. 440, Minden: W. Bro. J. Welch, W. M.; Bro. W. S. Munn, Secretary. I visited this lodge on Friday, May 4th, and as it is my own lodge, I was met by a very large number of brethren. The work was the conferring of the F. C. degree, which was fairly well rendered. This lodge is laboring under the disadvantage of having had no Senior Warden for 11 months, a S. D. who resides 16 miles away, and no J. D. for nine months. Under the circumstances it is impossible to do good work, but as the night of my visit was election night better things may be looked for. The lodge is also handicapped by the size of the hall, but the attendance has always been good. This lodge was one of the first to take up the Semi-Centennial Fund, and has paid its full quota. There is no lodge in the district where the dues are better paid (thanks to the Secretary), where the books are better kept, and where, considering the distance the majority of the members have to travel, that the attendance is any better, and where the Past Masters are

present. Being one of the charter members, it is with feelings of sadness that I bid good-bye to the brethren, feeling sure, however, that I leave it in good hands. I would strongly advise the brethren to be very careful indeed as to the material they bring in, as too much care cannot be exercised in doing so. Good-bye, Arcadia.

Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount: W. Bro. R. Smith, W. M.; Bro. A. Train, Secretary. I visited this lodge on April 5th, and was greeted by a very large number of Past Masters and members. The work was the conferring of the T. A. degree, which under the circumstances was very well done. A very unpleasant incident occurred during the ceremony, which it is only fair to state the W. M. and Wardens was not in any way responsible for. I have called the attention of the W. M. to this matter, which I trust will never recur again. The W. M. cannot do his part if the junior officers neglect theirs, which was done in this case, and by experienced brethren who ought to have known better. I found the books kept in a perfect condition, dues very well paid up, finances in good shape, and a first-class Secretary attending to his work. The W. M. deserves great credit for his rendition of the work, considering that his time is so fully occupied. He is certainly a most painstaking officer. The Wardens had their work well in hand. I trust that the letter that I wrote to the lodge will have the desired effect. This lodge needs to be very careful as to material they take in, as, if not, the inevitable result will ensue.

North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, Haliburton: W. Bro. S. Johnston, W. M.; Bro. E. E. Jones, Secretary. I visited this lodge on March 23rd, and found a very large attendance, all the Past Masters being present and every officer in his place. The work was the Sublime degree and was perfectly done. Too much praise cannot be given to the officers for their work, which was also mentioned in my report of the Lodge of Instruction at Fennelon Falls. The candidate was an extra good one and had taken full advantage of the instruction given to him. It was a real pleasure to visit this lodge, and when the happy time arrives for them to move into a new hall their cup will be full to overflowing. The prospects are good, and they are determined to keep their portals well and closely tyed. I had the pleasure also of seeing a

perfect set of books, which was what I expected to see from Bro. Jones. I found also that the dues were well paid up and the S. C. Fund had been well attended to. W. Bro. Clarke delivered the charge in a most impressive manner, something never to be forgotten. Haliburton is a beautiful backwoods village, and has every prospect of growing. I was sorry to say good-bye to the brethren.

King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland: W. Bro. G. C. Beall, W. M.; Bro. Purvis, Secretary. I visited this lodge on January 5th. This is one of the newest lodges of the district, and, as my predecessor had reported, I found everything first-class. A beautiful hall, furnished with the best, well lighted, heated, and good ante-rooms. As at Beaverton, my welcome was very cordial. I found a fine lot of brethren, all harmonious, and a very large attendance to greet me. I cannot mention any officer in particular, as every one was perfect. I spent the day amongst the brethren and got in close touch with every one. Dues are well paid, financial standing good, Secretary's books perfect, and general tone of the lodge is very good. W. Bro. Thompson, I. P. M., was present. After the lodge was closed a very pleasant "at home" was held, at which every brother, married and single, had his lady. A most enjoyable time was spent, a time never to be forgotten.

Harding Lodge, Woodville, U. D.: I had again the pleasure of visiting this, the baby lodge of the district, on May 10th, and, as I expected, I found everything in first-class shape. I have, in another place, made mention of this lodge, and under the guidance of the W. M., W. Bro. Staback, and their worthy Secretary, Bro. McIntyre, no fear need be felt for their future. It was indeed a pleasure to visit these brethren once more, and when the time came to part it was indeed with sad feelings that I did so.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. W. WATSON, D. D. G. M.,
Ontario District No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table Showing the work done in Ontario District, No. 12, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906

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PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

Unable as I will be to be personally present at Grand Lodge owing to absence in England, I have requested my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Halliwell, from whose past service to the Craft I have profited throughout the year, and our faithful and zealous District Secretary, V. W. Bro. Diamond, to represent me in reading this report for 1905-1906.

If I literally carried out the maxim of the Grand Master, *audi vide tace*, I would simply have to record that I have heard everything of wisdom and of good report, seen everything of strength and beauty, and spoken everything that the kind consideration and sympathetic appreciation of the brethren justified and encouraged during my year of office. If real unity has been cemented, if practical uniformity has been attained, if good seed has been sown and germinated, if a spirit of research has been encouraged, if light has been disseminated, these happy results spring from the hearty co-operation of the brethren of the district, and from the by no means lonely furrows, broad and deep, which those who have previously represented the Grand Master here, have plowed and fertilized. Of Prince Edward District, with its stalwart and chivalrous men of U. E. Loyalist and Bay of Quinte stock, it may well be said that the pioneer work is over—that the superstructure is being erected upon a foundation—“Well made, truly laid, well proved, true and trusty.”

The lodges are generally equipped by the loving hands and artistic taste of the brethren, as truly representative of “The House Beautiful,” and there is a harmonious recognition also of the two structures involved in the true Masonic creation—

The one is joined in all its parts with cunning works of art,
The other by the ligaments that bind the human heart.

The new lodge opened under dispensation at Bancroft in that true north is a practical illustration of the flowing-frontier wave of progress. The loss of their building by fire almost immediately after has evoked the sincerest sympathy of the whole district, and the water used to extinguish the fire has not dampened the ardor of the enthusiastic brethren who have undertaken this arduous labor of love in North Hastings.

The brethren of Tweed lodge have now secured quarters of their own and will realize the impulse always associated with the possession and use of their own Masonic home.

I have visited all the twenty lodges of my district once, some of them twice, with the exception of Madoc lodge, the pleasure of visiting which I have deputed to R. W. Bro. O'Flynn, who is in Madoc "to the manor born." I have found, with possibly one exception, that the lodges not merely reflected their locality, but also gave a tone and earnestness to their locality that is easily recognized by the thoughtful observer. The good citizen is a good Mason, and the good Mason a good citizen. Cobourg-lodge membership should be doubled in order to justify its good work as the exponent of a now populous and prosperous centre.

The boundaries between the 13th and 14th Masonic districts have been fraternally obliterated by R. W. Bro. Herrington and myself, and my visits to Union Lodge, Napanee, and Ancient St. John's Lodge, Kingston, are remembered with special pleasure, while the brethren of the 13th were delighted to welcome and honor R. W. Bro. Herrington as more than guest within their confines.

The evening which the Grand Master devoted to the History and Symbolism of Masonry in Belleville will not soon be forgotten, as the occasion of much brotherly good fellowship and as a means of introducing to the brethren an able original contribution to Masonic literature by Bro. Knight of the Belleville, my mother lodge.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan has taken up his residence among us and has inspired both young and old Masons with his eloquent exposition of the tenets and possibilities of the Craft. We need met of enthusiasm to stir the new fires at the old altars and to stimulate in young-

Masons the desire for light, the light that socially warms, intellectually shines, and spiritually elevates.

There are eighteen good and efficient Secretaries in P. E. District, many of them Past Masters. Bro. Geo. Keyes, Secretary of Colborne lodge, a lodge that does more good work by fraternal visiting than any other in the district, is worthy of all honor as a veteran entitled to the long service decoration of Masonry.

The Past Masters have evinced a most laudable spirit of activity in nearly all the lodges, and stand steadily shoulder to shoulder as the Boys of the Old Brigade. One memorable military night, when all the chairs were filled by officers of the 16th and 49th regiment, wearing the regalia of the Royal Craft over the King's uniform, stands out as a bright and touching experience and memory.

The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary have throughout the year set an example of courtesy and promptness in their business-like and fraternal replies to all communications.

The Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund has been kept before the brethren by the appeals to their individual and personal privileges, and reciprocal obligations and self-respecting exercise of brotherly deeds of mutual support rather than to their official duty as lodges. Many have responded, many more will respond, and Moira Lodge No. 11 has promised a full contribution representing its full membership in October next. All honor to those brethren who, having first done their duty by their homes, aid in building this permanent monument of Ontario's Masonic beneficence.

Notwithstanding the size of the district and the long distances from center to circumference. I have always been accompanied on my visits by "men of light and leading," who have diffused knowledge, illustrated good comradeship, and kept in touch. May all my successors have a lifeguard of honor, ripe in experience, zealous in good work.

Warkworth lodge has most commendably introduced music into the conferring of their degrees, and all the lodges acknowledge the power and beauty of thus "linking sound with sight and sense" in their social functions, not the least important work of the craftsmen, whose grand design is "to be themselves happy and to com-

municate happiness to others." That the work is but a means to an end, that the candidate must not be left to grope after he rounds out his third degree, that each lodge meeting should be made by forethought satisfying as well as formally correct, is becoming more and more recognized by those brethren who are ready and willing and able to give a reason for the faith that is in them. While the rulers of the Craft continue to impress upon the brethren the dignity and high importance of Free-masonry, while the brethren keep our lodges properly and discriminately tyled, so that each new candidate will be not merely strengthened by, but be a strength to Masonry, and one whom we may delight to meet and greet as friend and brother in all relations of life, while we strive only in that one permissible emulation of Masonry, namely, "who best may work who best agree," we will indeed build perhaps better than we know and will be factors in the development of that grandest human organization to which we month by month and year by year pledge our undivided and continued allegiance.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. N. PONTON, D. D. G. M.,
Prince Edward District No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Prince Edward District, No. 13, from June 21st, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Number of Lodges.	Total No. of all Mem.	Decrease during year.	M. M.	F. A.	E. A.	Decrease during year.	Resignations.	Susensions, N. P. D.	Decreas'd.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arreages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
11 Moira.....	Belleville.....	193	15	15	17	14	8	3	4	...	1	11	6	17	35	\$47 50	24	\$ 81 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes \$4000 00	
17 St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	98	4	3	4	2	1	1	2	...	1	14	2	16	20	75 00	June 24,	75 00	Good	Good	Good	Yes 50 00	
18 Pr. Edward.....	Picton.....	211	11	16	3	1	2	1	2	...	1	13	5	18	47	88 55	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Yes 2500 00		
29 Brighton.....	Trenton.....	109	4	10	7	8	4	1	2	...	1	12	3	12	19	196 15	5	12 75	June 24, '05	Excellent	Excellent	Yes 700 00	
38 Trent.....	Madoc.....	106	22	6	18	15	13	4	1	2	...	2	10	2	12	33	30 00	60	3 00	July, 1905.	Good	Good	Yes 800 00
48 Madoc.....	Consecon.....	115	12	4	11	11	8	1	2	...	1	13	3	16	24	13	37 66	13	37 66	...	Bright	Yes 1000 00	
69 Stirling.....	Colborne.....	98	7	2	6	6	5	1	5	...	1	12	1	13	21	251 89	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Good	Good	Yes 1200 00		
91 Colborne.....	Belleville.....	171	19	3	18	14	13	1	1	2	3	2	12	4	16	24	87 60	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes 1500 00	
123 Belleville.....	Campbellford.....	52	10	3	8	5	5	2	2	...	1	12	3	15	15	35 00	13	154 (0) Dec., 1905.	V'ry Bright	Y. s. Jointly	Yes		
126 G'dn Rule.....	Frankford.....	90	4	8	7	3	2	1	2	...	1	12	12	28	65 00	14	40 00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes 500 00		
127 Franck.....	Warkworth.....	80	8	8	8	7	2	2	1	...	1	14	2	1	1	68 50	Dec. 24, '05	\$ 105 47	Good	Good	Yes 650 00		
161 Percy.....	Star in East Wellington.....	105	21	295	19	13	5	1	6	...	1	12	6	18	22	16 00	18	68 50	Dec. 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes 450 00	
215 Lake.....	Ameliasburg.....	49	5	2	4	3	3	2	2	...	1	11	2	13	20	6	30 15	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Good	Yes 1700 00		
222 Marmora.....	Marmora.....	76	5	6	4	3	2	2	2	...	1	13	1	14	15	25 00	14	88 00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Good	Yes 300 00	
239 Tweed.....	Tweed.....	80	13	11	10	9	2	2	2	...	1	11	1	12	15	70 00	...	\$ 750 39	Good	Good	No 1000 00		
283 Eureka.....	Belleview.....	76	9	4	5	3	2	3	1	...	1	12	1	13	16	15 00	17	51 35	Dec. 27, '05	Bright	Good	Yes Jointly	
401 Craig.....	Deseronto.....	69	11	9	8	8	2	1	1	...	1	13	4	17	20	50 00	30	250 00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes 800 00	
U.D. Bancroft.....	Bancroft.....	12	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	2	1	2	8	...	...	...	Fair	Good	No 150 00	

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present to you herewith my report upon the condition of Masonry in the Frontenac District for the year ending June 24th, 1906. It was with no small degree of misgiving that I assumed the duties of the office of District Deputy Grand Master of this old district, which in many respects is entitled to be styled the cradle of Canadian Masonry.

Many of my immediate predecessors were men who had devoted a great deal of time to the study of the history of the Craft, and had for years taken an active part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge. Their ripened experience and knowledge of all things appertaining to the welfare of the Craft equipped them to a degree I felt myself unable to attain. Compared with such I felt myself a novice.

To receive the unanimous vote of the representatives of this district upon the occasion of my first visit to Grand Lodge was an honor I could not fail to appreciate, and I most sincerely thank the brethren of the district for the confidence they reposed in me upon that occasion.

I have, in my weak way, done my best to live up to their expectations. Fortunately for me the duties involving upon me have been very light. I have visited every lodge in the district except one. The reason for not visiting that one are set forth in my report upon that lodge. I have, in accordance with the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, endeavored to impress upon the various lodges the importance of contributing liberally to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and I think the returns will show that they have done fairly well in this respect.

As to the several lodges visited by me I beg to report as follows:

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth: My first official

visit was paid to this lodge. The roads were bad, and the chilly November weather was such as would, I fear, under like circumstances, induce the ordinary townsman to forget all about his summons to a lodge meeting. I was agreeably surprised to be greeted by 25 enthusiastic Masons. The comfortable and well furnished lodge room and the excellent work I witnessed were sufficient to explain the good attendance. I can heartily endorse all the good things my predecessors have reported concerning Lorne lodge. W. Bro. Kennedy is a worthy successor to the well-skilled Masters who preceded him, and is ably supported by the officers of his lodge.

Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport: I visited this lodge on December 1st. When I consider the efficient Past Masters who are in close touch with the lodge I am not satisfied that the officers are doing as good work as they should. I did not have to go far to find the cause. They have drifted into the very careless habit of disregarding the hour named in the summons for opening their meetings, and as a rule it is 9 o'clock before they assemble. No argument is necessary to demonstrate the inevitable result of such a practice. The finances of the lodge are in a good condition, their room is well furnished, and the brethren are entertaining and sociable. If they act upon my suggestion, and open their lodge regularly and promptly at an earlier hour, my successor will, I am sure, find a great improvement in the work.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith: My visit to this lodge was upon the occasion of their election of officers in December. The lodge room was well filled, some of the brethren travelling fifteen or twenty miles in order to be present. The W. M. had recently left the neighborhood, but his place was ably filled by W. Bro. Dr. Lockhart, who continues to take an active interest in the lodge. R. W. Bro. Wartman appears, from the register, to be a regular attendant, and the interest manifested by him and the other Past Masters has a most beneficial influence upon the entire membership. Frequently we find Past Masters too ready to retire after having completed their term in the East. This naturally discourages those who have not been so honored by their brethren, and is a very improper return for the confidence that has been placed in them. In every respect Albion is in a prosperous condition, and although no.

work was done in my presence other than the opening and closing in the three degrees, I am satisfied the officers are well qualified to perform it.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston: My visit to this lodge was at the first meeting after installation of the officers. There was no degree work, but the new officers opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a satisfactory manner. This lodge is fortunate in having a first-class Secretary in the person of R. W. Bro. Hendrie, who not only fulfils the duties of that office in an excellent manner, but exercises a fatherly oversight over all matters appertaining to the welfare of the lodge. The dues are promptly collected and the financial problem is mastered. I was deeply impressed with the seriousness with which the members of this lodge regard their duties to the Craft. Their hearts were full of love and sympathy for each other, as was illustrated by two or three touching incidents during the evening, and I feel confident that the members of Cataraqui lodge are exemplifying the true principles of Masonry in their daily lives.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa: My visit to this lodge was also at the first meeting after installation. It was a wet, disagreeable night in January, when most people would hesitate before hitching up and driving several miles to meet their brethren upon the square. The hardy members of Prince Arthur were not deterred from facing the inclement weather. The officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. A candidate was initiated, but this part of the work was not up to the standard. I was disposed to attribute this want of proficiency to the nervousness of the newly installed officers, who were somewhat timid in the presence of such skilled Past Masters as V. W. Bro. Rankin and W. Bro. Gerow, of Union Lodge, No. 9, who accompanied me upon my visit. Their meetings are held in a very comfortable room, in which several other orders also meet. This is not to be encouraged, but the limited membership does not seem to warrant the renting of a hall for their exclusive use.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath: The warm welcome extended to me by the brethren of this lodge upon my official visit was ample compensation for a cold drive with the thermometer at 20 degrees below zero. I can-

not speak in too high praise of the standing of this lodge. The members are selected principally from good old U. E. Loyalist stock, and in appearance and intellect will hold their own with any lodge in the district. The officers are well skilled and are doing magnificent work. They have paid to the Semi-Centennial Fund more than was asked from them. In every respect I can testify to the efficiency of Maple Leaf.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston: This lodge is well officered, but the members are not giving them the support they deserve. I do not confine this criticism to the ordinary members, but to the Past Masters as well. They are able men, highly respected in business and social circles, and their example to the other brethren is having a bad effect upon the attendance. This is due to carelessness and not to any disrespect to the officers, as they are capable men and held in the highest esteem by the lodge. In every other respect Minden may confidently be relied upon to maintain the good reputation it has justly earned.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee: November 28, 1905, will ever be remembered as a red letter day in the annals of Union lodge. Two hundred and fifty Masons from different parts of the 13th and 14th districts, assembled in Napanee to participate in a Lodge of Instruction. Among the distinguished guests were M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, of Barrie; R. W. Bros. W. N. Ponton and E. E. O'Flynn, of Belleville; R. W. Bro. J. C. Halliwell, of Sterling; R. W. Bro. Abram Shaw, of Kingston; R. W. Bros. G. A. Aylesworth and Robert Longmore, of Newburgh, and R. W. Bro. Wartman, of Colebrook. The three degrees were exemplified by representatives from different lodges in the district, and the most exacting critic would have found it difficult to suggest an improvement in any part of the work. At the conclusion of the Lodge of Instruction a sumptuous banquet was tendered M. W. Bro. Burritt and the visiting brethren at which elevating and instructive speeches were delivered. My official visit was made on February 9th, in company with R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ponton, of the 13th District, with whom I have exchanged visits on many occasions during my term of office. The most cordial relation exists between these two adjoining districts, and I desire to acknowledge

the great benefit I have derived from these fraternal courtesies extended by R. W. Bro. Ponton. Union lodge is well officered and is doing a magnificent work.

The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston: I visited this lodge on March 1st, and had the pleasure of being accompanied by R. W. Bro. Ponton, D. D. G. M. of the 13th district. R. W. Bro. Waddell, D. D. G. M. of the 15th district, also came to Kingston to attend this meeting, but an hour before the lodge opened he was summoned home on professional business, much to the disappointment of the Kingston brethren. This lodge has for years enjoyed the reputation of doing excellent work, and under the able direction of W. Bro. Farrell and his officers that reputation is not likely to suffer during 1906. The first degree was conferred in a most satisfactory manner.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island: Owing to the open winter I deferred my intended visit to this lodge until I thought I could cross the bay in safety, and finally arranged to go over in company with several of the Kingston brethren on March 5th. A thaw occurred a few days before that date, and I was reluctantly obliged to forego the pleasure of meeting the Island brethren. I have received excellent reports about this lodge, especially from R. W. Bro. Minnes, who was so pleased with the reception accorded him that he volunteered to accompany me upon my visit. I sincerely regret that I was unable to meet these brethren in their own lodge room.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque: No lodge in the district shows greater evidence of prosperity than this. Everything is in good order and up to date. The officers understand their duties and take pleasure in the performance of them. A full orchestra of good musicians lends a charm to the work and makes the meetings more attractive than they otherwise would be. I cannot single out any one officer or any special feature for comment. I was pleased and delighted with all I witnessed. R. W. Bro. Skinner continues to assist and encourage the brethren of Leeds lodge, and his enthusiasm appears to be contagious.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville: My visit to this lodge unfortunately fell upon the same date as a snow storm, and the weather was accordingly most disagreeable, yet about twenty members assembled. I regret to

report that the W. M. was not present, and I have received no satisfactory explanation of his absence. Among the visitors present were R. W. Bro. Longmore, of Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburg, and W. Bro. Gerow, of Union lodge, Napanee. W. Bro. Carscallen is a regular attendant, and often at great personal inconvenience to himself. Assisted by the visiting brethren he conferred the third degree upon a son of W. Bro. Cox. The candidate was particularly well prepared, and the work was done in a creditable manner. The candidate, at the conclusion of the ceremony, was presented with a handsome gold locket by his brethren, as he was to leave in a few days for the Northwest.

Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Seeley's Bay: I visited this lodge on April 3rd, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Skinner, W. Bro. Black, W. Bro. Graham, and other members of Leeds Lodge, Gananoque. W. Bro. Gardiner is a pains-taking officer, and with the other members deserves great credit for the rapid progress made in furnishing and equipping their new lodge room. If the subordinate officers were all as zealous and regular in attendance as the W. M. the success of the lodge would be greater still. A number of the members live several miles from the village, and doubtless find it very inconvenient to go to lodge after a hard day's work. This difficulty is, in my opinion, aggravated by the habit of opening the lodge at an hour so late that the members cannot reach their respective homes until long after their regular bedtime. I sincerely hope an effort will be made to overcome this drawback.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh: Accompanied by a number of brethren from Union Lodge, No. 9, I visited this lodge on April 30th. The membership is small, and a number of those upon the roll are non-residents, yet the regular meetings are fairly well attended and the officers are able to perform their work. R. W. Bros. G. Anson Aylesworth and Robert Longmore are faithful supporters of this lodge and set a worthy example to the younger members. W. Bro. Miller conferred the third degree, after which a pleasant social evening was spent around a well laden banquet table.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro: My round of official visits was brought to a happy conclusion on June 5th, which was spent with the brethren of Simpson lodge.

W. Bro. Johnson, who has been re-elected Master for the fourth term, is held in the highest esteem by the brethren, and is worthy of the confidence reposed in him. At this meeting I was pleased to have the opportunity of renewing my acquaintance with R. W. Bro. Dargavel and R. W. Bro. Lewis, who continue to manifest a lively interest in the welfare of their mother lodge. Simpson lodge is in good hands, and I can safely predict for it a prosperous career.

I may add that nowhere in the district have my services been required to settle any disputes or adjust any differences. Perfect harmony prevails, not only among the various lodges, but also among the brethren of the several lodges under my jurisdiction.

I have on every occasion been accorded that respect due to the office I feel I have unworthily filled, and the brethren have all evinced a desire to demonstrate their affection for the Craft and their loyalty to those in authority. Above every other object sought to be attained by me, I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to impress upon the brethren the importance of practicing our doctrines in our daily lives, and I sincerely trust and believe that my efforts in this direction have not been in vain.

I desire to acknowledge my gratitude to the M. W. the Grand Master for his gracious visit to my mother lodge at the Lodge of Instruction held in November last.

From R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ponton, of the 13th District, I have received material assistance from our frequent exchange of visits. His eloquent addresses have delighted all the gatherings we have visited together, and to the W. M's and brethren throughout the district I wish to express my thanks for the loyalty they have shown to the Grand Lodge, and for the many acts of courtesy they have shown to me. I can assure them all that I have deeply appreciated the warm welcome they invariably extended to me, and shall ever remember their kindness and good will, which I trust I may continue to merit by doing all in my power to further their interests.

While the past year has been a most satisfactory one in this district, yet one sad event has struck deeply into the hearts of all Masons, not only in this district, but throughout the entire Masonic world. Through the lamented death of M. W. Bro. Walkem we have lost one

of our boldest champions. He was a distinguished scholar, a leader in his profession, a bulwark in the church to which he belonged, and a kind-hearted and polished gentleman. The loss is one we deeply deplore, and as I stood beside the casket containing all that was mortal of our dear departed brother, I felt that we, particularly in this district, had lost a counsellor and friend whose place it will be very difficult to fill. May we ever cherish his memory in our hearts by trying to emulate his good example. I have the honor to be,

Yours fraternally,

W. S. HERRINGTON, D. D. G. M.,
Frontenac District No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Frontenac District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

ST. LAWRTNCE DISTRICT, NO. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In completing my duties as inspector of the work in the 15th Masonic District, I submit for your consideration my official report on the condition and progress of Freemasonry in St. Lawrence District for the past Masonic year ending June 30th, 1906.

Having had the honor and pleasure of representing the Grand Master in St. Lawrence District during the said term, I wish at the outset to express my thanks to the brethren of the district, and especially to those who were assembled at Hamilton, Ont., in July, 1905, for having unanimously elected me to fill the high and responsible position of D. D. G. M. on the semi-centennial anniversary of our beloved order, at the largest assembly ever held within the walls of Grand Lodge. In accepting this office I felt that I was undertaking a very important and responsible work, and I feel now that I have failed to discharge the duties of the position in the manner which I should have done. Trusting, however, that the brethren of this important district will overlook my shortcomings and accept my most hearty thanks for honors conferred upon me.

I have visited every lodge in my district at least once (some of them more) during the year, and at each visit I had the lodge opened and closed in the three degrees, as well as observing the other work of the evening, and, afterwards gave the brethren a short address on Freemasonry and the duties which Masons owe to the Craft, to their lodge, and humanity.

Masonry in St. Lawrence District is in a very progressive and excellent condition. The lodges are ruled by capable Masters, who are supported by well and truly tried Past Masters and faithful subordinate officers, and I believe all the lodges are endeavoring to comply with

the regulations of Grand Lodge. The best Masonic feeling prevails, peace and harmony exist, and most of the lodges have shown a decided increase in membership.

Complying as closely as possible with the instructions received from the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, I shall observe brevity and avoid to the best of my ability all reference to unimportant details.

I have endeavored to impress upon the various lodges in the district the importance of becoming proficient in every detail so that uniformity and perfection in the work might be accomplished. The majority of the lodges in this district have had a fair amount of work during the year, and the manner in which the general business is conducted, and degrees conferred, is very creditable and satisfactory. It is also gratifying to see an increased attention being paid to the preparation of candidates, and I have particularly advised that no brother should receive a higher degree until he had committed to memory the obligation of the preceding degree and was made proficient in the lecture of those through which he had already passed, for it is a duty that we should so prepare those whom we admit within our portals that they may with credit to themselves and their lodge be able to work their way as a visitor into any lodge.

My first official act, by authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, was a letter to the various subordinate lodges in the district in reference to the necessity of every lodge obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Master for all Masonic functions either with or without regalia.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

I found in a few lodges the practice still prevails of reading the charges to candidates, which is part of the work of the Master, and it should be delivered by him or a P. M. from the East.

If the Master in any lodge where this prevails would set the example of delivering them his successor in office would endeavor not to be behind him in that respect; but, if he finds it impossible to do this himself he should ask a P. M., or preferably the I. P. M., to perform the duty on his behalf.

I would suggest that in each lodge some well qualified P. M., who would undertake to get up thoroughly the installation ceremony, for in some lodges this work is

slowly and carelessly done, and the officers installed have in consequence little or no knowledge of the beauty and solemnity of the ceremony.

BY-LAWS.

On the 14th of October, 1905, I received from Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowns, for approval of the M. W. the Grand Master, an amendment to the by-laws, which were duly approved of and confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master.

HEALING.

April 18th, 1906, by dispensation, I healed Bro. John Osmond in Sussex Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., Brockville, Ont.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have granted the following dispensations, viz.: St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, meeting at Smith's Falls, Ont., to hold a District Lodge of Instruction, clothed as Masons, July 17th, 1906; Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens, to attend divine service June 24th, 1906; Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville, to attend divine service June 24th, 1906; Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville, to attend divine service June 17th, 1906; St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, to attend divine service June 24th, 1906; Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, to attend divine service June 24th, 1906.

SUSPENSIONS.

I received notice from the Secretary of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, that Bro. Robert Soper, of said lodge, had been suspended for non-payment of dues, and in accordance therewith notified the Grand Secretary of the same.

GRIEVANCES.

During my official term I am sorry to report that a charge was preferred against a brother by a W. brother for unmasonic conduct and violation of his obligation, but I am pleased to say that matters have been amicably settled and peace restored. I also met with two other frictions in the district, but am led to hope that they have been prudently and fraternally adjusted.

DISTRICT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

By dispensation a largely attended, interesting, and very successful District Lodge of Instruction was held in the Masonic hall, Smith's Falls, Ont., on the afternoon and evening of January 17th, 1906. The arrangements for the meeting and entertainment of the visiting brethren were entrusted to and under the sanction of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls. The attendance was large and very representative, every lodge in the district furnishing its quota, some 230 brethren being present. The lodge was opened in the first degree at 2.20 p. m., W. Bro. H. A. Ross, W. M., presiding in the East. R. W. Bros. W. H. Waddell and A. M. Fulton, D. D. G. M's for St. Lawrence No. 15 and Eastern District No. 21, were respectively introduced and received with honors due their rank. The M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., of Pembroke, Ont., was introduced by R. W. Bros. Houston and Watchorn and received with the grand honors due his exalted rank, after which he assumed the gavel and addressed the brethren. At this session an "initiation" was exemplified by the officers of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville, Ont., after which a very interesting and instructive discussion took place, when all questions of importance were ably explained and answered by the M. W. the Grand Master.

At the evening session a "passing" was exemplified by the officers of Sussex Lodge, No. 5, and Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville, Ont., and a "raising" by the officers of Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville, Ont. The work in each degree was exemplified by the several lodges in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner and could not fail to prove interesting and instructive to the very large number of brethren present at both sessions.

The presence of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K. C., who received a most enthusiastic and cordial reception from the brethren, no doubt contributed much to render the meeting successful and enjoyable by his sociable manner and valuable advice, and I here desire to acknowledge the obligation I am under to the officers and members of St. Francis Lodge, as well as R. W. Bro. Houston, for the excellent arrangements which they had made for the meeting and the handsome manner

in which they entertained the visiting brethren, and in this connection I might say that it is too much to expect any one subordinate lodge to defray the expenses incurred in entertaining such large representative meetings, for surely the benefits received by the delegates should recompense them for incidental expenses, but in making a proposition to appeal to the various subordinate lodges for assistance the W. M. and Secretary most emphatically declined the proffered aid.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

Regarding this fund, I sent circulars to the W. M's of the various lodges in the district, but am sorry to say that it has not received the unanimous support of the brethren, and despite the heroic efforts put forth by the P. D. D. G. M. and District Committee I was surprised to learn from Grand Lodge reports that there still remained in St. Lawrence District five lodges from which nothing had been paid in its behalf; but, as requested by the M. W. the Grand Master, I, at each official visit, explained its aim and object as best I could, making an urgent and strong appeal to the Craft of this 15th district in behalf of this worthy and laudable cause. Whenever any misunderstanding existed as to the purpose of this fund, the need of it, and the way in which it was to be distributed, I have made a special effort to place the matter before the brethren in as clear and truthful a light as I possibly could, and I feel assured, M. W. Sir, that my labors will not be in vain. If each lodge will do its duty this noble monument of gratitude will be erected as a credit to Grand Lodge and a blessing to many of our needy, worthy brethren and their dependents.

DEATHS.

The brethren of St. Lawrence District have several times during the year been warned of the necessity of serious thoughts regarding the inevitable destiny of man.

On the 22nd day of April, 1906, there passed to his final rest W. Bro. James W. Crate, of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, being buried with honors due his rank by the members of the Craft.

April 24th, Bro. Elgin Row, of St. James Lodge, No. 74, Bethel.

In St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, Bro. Geo.

S. Peck, August 15th, 1905; Bro. Jas. Maunby, December 28th, 1905.

In Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville, the following brethren have died during the year: W. Bro. Launcelot de Carle, July 26th, 1905, a member of said lodge for 41 years; Bro. Henry Bramley, October 23rd, 1905; Bro. David S. Booth, March 26th, 1906; Bro. Wm. H. Weir, June 16th, 1906; Bro. Wm. Wills, June 21st, 1906, also a member of said lodge for 41 years.

In Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Bro. Joseph Stewart, December 20th, 1905; Bro. James Ferguson, E. A., March 28th, 1906.

In Central Lodge, No. 110, Bro. Peter Irving, and lately of Tacoma, Washington Territory, died in this city on November 22nd, 1905: was buried with M. M. honors, and some time previous to his death had contributed \$20.00 to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

In True Britons Lodge, No. 14, Bro. Henry H. Roberts.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

True Britons Lodge, No. 14, Perth: W. Bro. Wm. T. Hand, W. M. In my official capacity I visited this lodge on the evening of the 5th day of March, 1906. There was a fair attendance of the members. The second and third degrees were exemplified in a wonderfully accurate and impressive manner. W. Bro. Hand is an efficient and painstaking presiding officer. The standing of this lodge is good, and with a steady increase in its membership the future prospects compare favorably with any other in the district. I was pleased to meet with P. M's Campbell, Kennedy, Hogg, Hope, Buffam and McKenachie. In behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund this lodge has contributed only moderately, and some of its members think that more liberality would be extended in this direction if a more judicious appropriation of Grand Lodge funds (as to salaries) were exercised. This lodge is fortunate in having one of its P. M's as Secretary, W. Bro. Frank V. Buffam, whose books are accurate and well kept. After the labor of the evening was ended the fourth degree was enjoyed by all present, followed by speeches and songs, which brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville: W. Bro. John F. Hicks, W. M. I had the pleasure of making

my official visit to this lodge on the evening of March 6th, 1906. The attendance was very good, and having no degrees to be conferred I requested the several openings and closings to be proceeded with, and if possible would like to see the exemplification of the third degree by the W. M. and his new staff of officers, which was performed in a very capable and efficient manner. W. Bro. Hicks seems to realize his responsibilities, performing his duties with an earnest and impressive dictation, being ably supported by an extra staff of officers, whom I am confident will perfect themselves in the work and as a result be elected to the East in due time. Financially this lodge is in good standing, the dues being well collected, having for its Secretary a painstaking official in the person of R. W. Bro. Geo. B. Magee, whose books are well kept, and the same may be said of R. W. Bro. Watchorn, its staunch and reliable Treasurer. As an incentive to the W. M. and officers of this lodge, I was pleased to meet in the East R. W. Bros. Watchorn and Magee, V. W. Bro. Dunlop, and W. Bros. Angus, Postlethwaite, Davis, and I. P. M. Johnston. In its contribution to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund this lodge has done fairly well, and I predict a good response in the near future in aid of this heaven-born cause.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, Ont.: W. Bro. Hugh A. Ross, W. M. The occasion of my official visit was to this flourishing lodge on 9th of March, 1906. There was a good attendance of members and a few visitors, the latter including R. W. Bros. Watchorn and Magee, of No. 55, Merrickville, and a brother from Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, St. Johns, New Brunswick. There seems to be a very fine spirit pervading this lodge, which, I think, is largely owing to the untiring energy of R. W. Bro. Houston, who has been for years their efficient Secretary, whose books are a model of perfection, as well as those of their Treasurer, W. Bro. R. Hawkins. The dues are well paid up, the financial standing is first-class, and the future prospects of this lodge encouraging, while the members seem to be enthusiastic in behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. The first degree was exemplified for my inspection by the officers in a very satisfactory and ritualistic manner, but from the quality of the work rendered and lateness of the hour I did not ask the W. M. to open and close in the higher de-

grees, feeling satisfied that the W. M. and officers were quite capable. The Junior Warden's lecture on the tracing board was very well rendered by Bro. J. R. Lavell. The W. M. and officers of this lodge are keeping the work up to the high standard which it has held in the past, and can safely say that the work is not surpassed by any lodge in the district. The fourth degree was exemplified at the close of the meeting, the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, which proved not the least interesting of a very pleasant evening.

St. James Lodge, No. 74, Bethel: W. Bro. S. D. Walker, W. M. I visited this old and well known lodge on the evening of March 12th, 1906, and was tendered a cordial and enthusiastic welcome. There were 25 members and quite a number of visitors present. The first degree was conferred upon two candidates who were in waiting, as well as a passing. The work was presented in a correct manner, or very nearly so, and it was the first time that the W. M. had conferred the degrees, which showed that he had given it his undivided attention. The Wardens and Senior Deacon performed their part in a creditable manner. This lodge has a number of Past Masters, of whom I was pleased to meet at above date W. Bros. A. P. Bissell, R. Edwards, W. W. Collier, C. B. Murray, A. D. McDougall and I. P. M. G. A. Marshall, and W. Bro. A. S. Knapp, of Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville. This lodge has contributed fairly well in aid of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and have promised to be second to none in St. Lawrence District in doing their duty in aid of this worthy cause. The arrearage of dues is light, and the building is owned by the members, with no liabilities, and future prospects good, having a steady increase in membership. A very nice banquet followed the closing of lodge about 12 o'clock, when the usual toasts were proposed and responded to in short pithy speeches, making altogether a most happy and enjoyable fourth degree.

Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville: W. Bro. John A. Derbyshire, W. M., and Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville: W. Bro. H. H. Clark, W. M. The date of my official visit to these lodges was made at an emergent union meeting on the evening of March 21st, 1906. In their magnificent and beautifully furnished lodge room were assembled upward of 200 members and visitors.

The W. M's and officers of both lodges are painstaking, and quite competent to perform the duties of their respective offices. R. W. Bro. Geo. K. Dewey and W. Bro. E. A. Geiger, the respective Secretaries of these lodges, are zealous, competent, and painstaking officers, the books of whom are kept in first-class order. The arrearages of dues are comparatively light, while the response to the call in aid of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund has been fairly good, but promising to do better in the future. Financial standing is good, with a steady increase in membership. The first degree was conferred upon a candidate by the officers of both lodges in a very impressive and ritualistic manner, and from evidence exhibited the W. M's and officers are capable of performing their duties in an intelligent and impressive manner. I was much pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Jackson and Dewey, as well as W. Bros. Storey, Mowatt, Hamson, Graham, Laidlaw, Geiger, Roth and others. The musical organization of these lodges will rank as second to none in St. Lawrence District, and lends much to the impressiveness exemplified in our beautiful ceremonies. After closing, the fourth degree was sumptuously exemplified, when the usual toasts and responses were exchanged, intermingled with vocal and instrumental selections from several brethren, when the J. W's toast and singing "Auld Lang Syne" brought this enthusiastic fraternal meeting to an end.

Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorvtown: W. Bro. Gilbert Root, W. M. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge at an emergent meeting on the evening of April 4th, 1906. There was a fine attendance of members, about 35 being present. The second degree was exemplified by the officers in a very creditable manner, and judging from the work rendered I feel satisfied that the best interests of the lodge are in good hands. The lodge room is owned by the members, dues well collected, and financial standing good. The charge given on the tracing board by the S. W. was well and impressively rendered. I would suggest that the subordinate offices be filled by young, active and capable members, getting them schooled for higher offices in due time, giving the Past Masters a well-earned rest, or use them as an occasional spare if necessary. I was met and escorted from the depot by my worthy and respected friend, W. Bro. Joseph

Lane, M. D., and W. Bro. Gilbert Root, W. M., being most hospitably entertained by W. Bro. Lane and his estimable wife at his beautiful home during my prolonged stay until the next day. This lodge is in a healthy financial condition, and its members enthusiastic Masons. After explaining the nature and object of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund to the members as best I could, they agreed to do their part in this urgent and heaven-born cause in aid of our worthy afflicted brethren and their dependents. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bros. Lane, H. Mallory, J. C. Raphael, S. A. Guild, C. Mallory, M. E. Guild and others, spending an enjoyable evening.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne: W. Bro. S. C. Horton, W. M. My official visit to this lodge was made on the evening of April 5th, 1906, and was hospitably received and entertained. The first degree was conferred in an able and impressive manner by the W. M., who seems to realize his responsibilities, and is well supported by his officers. The charge given by the J. W. on the tracing board was rendered in an emphatic and able manner, which is seldom excelled. I had the W. M. open and close the lodge in the three degrees. The dues are well collected and the Secretary's books are well kept. Peace and harmony prevail amongst the brethren, with the future of this lodge prosperous and bright, and as this lodge carries no insurance I advised the W. M. to attend to this matter in order to secure themselves from loss by fire. The present lodge room, for which they pay rent, is inadequate to accommodate their increasing membership, and as they have considerable to their credit in the hands of the Treasurer I advised that they make an effort to obtain suitable quarters of their own. To the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund this lodge had contributed but little, and as I tried to explain its nature and object they became more interested in the effort to make it a success in the jurisdiction of Ontario, promising to do better in the future. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bros. J. M. Shaw, M. D., Macdonald, Darling, Johnston and J. A. Bradley, Sen.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta: W. Bro. C. C. Copland, W. M. My visit to this lodge was made on the evening of April 11th, 1906. The attendance was small, owing to the condition of the roads, only 13 being pres-

ent. The W. M. and officers, although young, are capable of performing the work. Owing to the absence of the brother eligible for advancement, another brother kindly offered himself in this capacity, when the second or Fellowcraft degree was conferred in creditable manner by the W. M. and officers. By request the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees in a correct and satisfactory manner. The nicely furnished and spacious lodge room which is second to none in the district (excepting Brockville), is owned by the members. The books of the Secretary, Bro. J. W. Russell, are in good order, and the dues are well collected. To the members of this lodge who had not yet contributed their mite in aid of the S. C. B. Fund, I explained the nature and object of the scheme as best I could, beseeching them to consider this matter as to their duties in relation to their worthy, afflicted and indigent brethren and their dependents, the Grand Master, and to the world, trusting that they and other members of the Craft would consummate my ardent desire in having St. Lawrence District well to the front in paying its quota in aid of this heaven-born cause in July, 1906. It was a pleasure to meet W. Bros. Brown and Phelps, whom I had known by reputation as the evergreen pillars in this lodge, as well as Bros. Godkin, Knox and others, feeling that the interests of Masonry are in the hands of good and reliable officers.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens, Ont.: W. Bro. Morley Earl, W. M. My official visit to this lodge was made on the evening of April 12th, 1906, and I was fraternally received on alighting from the train by the worthy Secretary and Treasurer of the lodge, Bros. Ross and Alguire. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first or E. A. degree was conferred upon two candidates in a fairly creditable manner. The W. M. appears to realize his responsibilities, is painstaking, doing his work very well, which will be come more impressive by practice, this being one of the beauties of Freemasonry. The books of Bro. Ross are well kept, dues well collected, and financially the lodge is in a prosperous condition. The lodge room is comfortable, well furnished, and homelike. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bros. Lamb, Alguire and Purvis, the latter assisting the W. M. in a very ritualistic and impressive manner in conferring the E. A. degree on one of the candidates, and

at the conclusion when the W. T. was put to those enthusiastic newly initiated brethren brethren, who were determinedly persistent in stating what they knew, the result of which will make upon them a lasting impression. To the S. C. B. Fund this lodge has not yet paid anything, when I explained the origin and object of the scheme, urgently requesting the brethren to contribute in aid of this laudable undertaking, resulting in a favorable expression being evinced by the brethren, and would make an effort in its behalf. At the conclusion a very nice exemplification of the fourth degree was enjoyed by the brethren at the hotel of F. Pierce.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, Ont.: W. Bro. H. W. Kerfoot, W. M. To this lodge my official visit was made at a regular meeting on the evening of Tuesday, May 1st, 1906. There was a good attendance. The second degree was conferred in a creditable manner by the W. M. and officers, although it was the first degree conferred since their installation for the current year, and owing to the able manner in which they performed the work I did not ask them to open in the third degree; but I must say that the manner in which the Senior and Junior Wardens, as well as the Senior Deacon, carried out their several parts are deserving of special mention. This lodge is in good financial standing, the dues are well collected, and its books are well kept by an efficient Secretary, V. W. Bro. H. H. Wells. This lodge has done nobly in reference to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and I have not the least doubt but that this lodge will maintain its laurels in behalf of this benevolent cause. It afforded me extreme pleasure to meet my esteemed friend and R. W. Bro., John F. Graham, as well as V. W. Bro. H. H. Wells, of whom it may be said are the evergreen pillars in this lodge. At the conclusion a very sociable and enjoyable fourth degree was exemplified and fully appreciated by all, followed by the usual toasts and responses, when a thoroughly fraternal meeting was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville, Ont.: W. Bro. W. L. Phelps, W. M. I had the pleasure of making my official visit to this lodge at its regular meeting on the evening of Wednesday, May 2nd, 1906. There was a very good attendance considering the inclemency of the weather that evening, and being informed by the

W. M. that they had no degrees to confer, but from the efficient manner in which they exemplified the work at the late Lodge of Instruction held at Smith's Falls, Ont., on January 17th, 1906, I only asked him to open and close in the several degrees. The W. M. seems to be a pains-taking and efficient presiding officer, being well supported by his subordinate officers. The prospects of the lodge are good, the dues are well collected, and the books are well kept by a capable Secretary, W. Bro. S. H. Guest. From late Grand Lodge reports this lodge had not apparently paid anything in aid of the S. C. B. Fund, but have promised to do better, and I feel that they and others will do their duty in behalf of their worthy, afflicted brethren and their dependents, the Grand Master and the world, in this noble and worthy cause. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. R. W. Watchorn, of No. 55, Merrickville, who was unable to remain owing to important matters pending at Merrickville, as well as W. Bros. Langstaff, Johnston and Coun. After closing of the lodge the brethren repaired to the McPherson House, where the festivities of the fourth degree were fully enjoyed, and the pleasantries of the evening were brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn, Ont.: W. Bro. Rev. T. H. Smith, W. M. The date of my official visit to this lodge was at a regular meeting on the evening of Tuesday, May 8th, 1906. The attendance was not very large, 14 members being present., As there were no degrees to be conferred I requested the W. M. to open and close in the several degrees, which were well performed, and judging from the manner in which the officers assisted the W. M. I feel satisfied that they are capable of conferring the several degrees. The arrearage of dues is quite considerable, and I advised that prompt action be taken in this matter in order to have prosperity in the lodge. The prospects and financial standing are very good, and the books of the Secretary are well kept. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Bullock and Cumming, as well as W. Bros. Brown, Petham, Parsons, Boyd and others. In reference to the S. C. B. Fund I was pleased to learn that this lodge had taken action in its behalf, and after my usual entreaties in favor of this most worthy and laudable scheme they promised to do better in the future. Appropriate and suitable remarks were expressed by the

W. M., and reiterated by the brethren, regretting a severance from their midst of an esteemed brother, Rev. A. Dailey, to which he feelingly replied. At the close of the meeting the fourth degree was freely and sumptuously exemplified and enjoyed by all, dispersing to their several homes after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta, Ont.: W. Bro. Geo. W. Chapman, W. M. My last official visit in St. Lawrence Listrict was made to my mother lodge at an emergent meeting on the evening of Wednesday, May 16th, 1906. There was a fair attendance, 26 being present, with a small number of visitors from St. Francis, St. James and Merrickville lodges. The third degree was conferred upon two candidates in a fairly creditable manner, which could have been much improved had the W. M. and his assistants rendered the work more slowly, as well as more impressive. The prospects of this lodge are good, membership increasing, they own the property and are out of debt, while the dues are well paid, many being in advance. This lodge has done fairly well in reference to the S. C. B. Fund, but we have still about 6 members who as yet have not paid anything towards this fund, and which I very much regret to report. During the evening a great surprise was sprung upon me in the reading and presentation of an address of welcome and congratulation, as well as a beautifully embossed and engraved Past Master's Jewel as a token of esteem and a souvenir of being the first member of Crystal Fountain Lodge upon whom the high honor of D. D. G. M. had been conferred by the Craft of St. Lawrence District, to which I briefly replied that the privilege of representing the Grand Master in St. Lawrence District on the Semi-Centennial anniversary of our beloved order was an honor that I would always remember with grateful thanks to the Craft, and this P. Ms jewel a memento from the members of my mother lodge, I shall ever look upon it as a souvenir of the confidence, kindly feelings and fraternal brotherly love in which I have been recognized by my brethren. After closing the fourth degree was enjoyed by all in our capacious banqueting room, when the usual toasts, responses and pleasantries of the function were brought to a close at 2 o'clock a. m. by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

I would recommend that the time of election of officers

be changed from that now adopted by the majority of lodges in St. Lawrence District so that all the lodges elect their officers in June, as the D. D. G. M. is elected to office in the middle of the official year of most of the subordinate lodges, which compels him to visit them during a few months at the last half of their year, crowding the work into an inconveniently short period.

In conclusion permit me again to thank the brethren of the district for the high honor conferred upon myself and my mother lodge in electing me to the responsible office of D. D. G. M., and for the courteous manner in which I have invariably been received on my official visits. I shall never forget the pleasant hours spent with my brethren in the different lodges. I have tried my best to do my duty, and in surrendering the gavel of office to my successor I feel I am handing over to him an influential district in a very satisfactory condition, and bespeak for him the same cordial support which has been accorded to me. If I have failed in my duty I ask the brethren to forgive me and extend to me the broad mantle of Masonic charity, but I feel that, on retiring from this honorable position, I have the confidence of my brethren, and in years to come I can look back with pleasure to the many happy and pleasant evenings I have enjoyed with the Craft, so that I shall have fond recollections of the time in which I represented the M. W. the Grand Master in St. Lawrence District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. H. WADDELL, D. D. G. M.,

St. Lawrence District No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.	Degree's conf'r'd	Total No. of all Mem-		Decrease during year	Attributions.	Restorations.	Testifications.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Decreesed.	Regrilar.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief in all meetings.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standig	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.						
				Year	Year																								
5 Sussex.....	Brockville	220	31	24	10	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	214	60	18	\$ 172	38	Dec. 27, '05	Excellent	Yes	\$ 1700 00		
14 True Brit's	Perth	103	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	75	00	18	172	38	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Yes	700 00				
14 St. Francis	Smith's Faill.....	144	9	12	9	6	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	823	33	176	50	6	23	00	Dec. 24, '05	Good	Yes	500 00		
24 Kempf's	MT. Zion.....	54	2	3	3	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	27	00	27	05	6	27	00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Yes	300 00		
25 Merrickv'l	Herrickv'l.....	82	3	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	14	14	20	15	8	20	00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Yes	150 00		
74 St. James.	Hathel	66	8	2	8	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	13	14	20	20	00	17	00	July 18, '06	Good	Yes	600 00		
85 Rising Sun.	Athens	65	7	3	5	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	15	15	15	14	14	67	75	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Yes	300 00		
85 Central.....	Prescott.....	98	3	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	91	142	00	19	64	75	June 25, '06	Good	Yes	750 00		
142 Macoy	Mallorytown	79	4	6	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	13	16	22	78	00	15	71	25	June 18, '06	Good	Yes	Yes
638 Selen.....	Brockville	147	13	7	11	16	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	16	32	78	20	16	101	50	June 23, '06	Good	Yes	1700 00		
187 Harmony	Delta	61	5	6	5	3	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	14	16	15	6	6	15	00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Yes	1800 00		
187 Lanned wine	Lansdowne	42	4	2	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	13	16	15	15	5	17	50	Jan. 6, '06	Fair	No	200 00		
89 C. Fountain	North Augusta	36	11	3	11	10	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	11	13	15	15	9	20	00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	No	800 00			
16 Lyn	Lyn	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	2	13	14	8	62	00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Yes	350 00			

OTTAWA DISTRICT NO. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit this my report on the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District No. 16 for the current year. Before enumerating any of my official acts I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the high honor accorded to St. John's Lodge, No. 63, by the election of one of its members to the distinguished office of D. D. G. M. This lodge was instituted in 1842, and for the first time in its history has a Grand Lodge officer. I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to uphold the good name of my mother lodge and to merit the tokens of approval and esteem bestowed upon me.

My first official appointments were those of District Chaplain and District Secretary, and it was with pleasure that I requested W. Bro. Rev. Chas. Saddington, of Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, to accept the former, and W. Bro. W. H. McIntosh, of St. John's Lodge, the latter office. To each of these W. brethren I am much indebted for kindly assistance and encouragement.

The district is, on the whole, in an exceedingly prosperous and progressive condition. Almost every lodge has a good financial balance to its credit. The arrears of dues, up to the time of my visit, had materially decreased, and the number of suspensions for non-payment growing smaller. With the exception of Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, the Craft is comfortably, and in many cases, elegantly housed, the appointments expensive, and the regalia in good condition. Attendance has been a good percentage of the membership, and in every lodge the Past Masters have evinced a striking loyalty to the interests of the Craft. The clerical work is good, and in only one instance different from the form as laid down by Grand Lodge. Owing to the particular and minute

instruction given by my immediate predecessors, R. W. Bros. Luke, Cleary and Wilson, I found very few irregularities to correct and no violations of our ancient landmarks. The character of the work, judged by the high standard insisted upon by my predecessors, is all that could be desired, and with two, or perhaps three exceptions, fully beyond the requirements of a fair decision by an inspecting officer. Emergent meetings have been the rule rather than the exception, which is gratifying, in face of the fact that many lodges have raised the fee for initiation, in some cases nearly double. Throughout the whole district I have seen only harmony, singleness of purpose, and an eager desire to advance the best interests of the Craft. The jurisdiction is growing and will very shortly attain the numerical strength of its former days before Mattawa, Plantagenet, Vankleek Hill and Hawsbury were removed. A new and prosperous lodge has been instituted at North Gower and also another at Russell, both of which promise vigorous and useful Masonic lives. Evergreen Lodge, Lanark, which for a time was inactive, has again "buckled on its armour" and is holding its meetings regularly and initiating candidates. A new hall is urgently required at Goodwood, Richmond, which I have every reason to believe will be built in the near future.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

The Grand Master has been pleased to grant dispensations for the institution of new lodges, as follows: Corinthian, North Gower, County Carleton; Russell, County Russell.

INVITATIONS.

I am indebted to the kindness of the brethren for the following invitations:

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, reception of brethren from Merrickville.

Acacia Lodge, Hamilton, semi-centennial celebration.

Goodwood Lodge, Richmond, divine service.

Bonnechere Lodge, Eganville, at home.

Maxwell Lodge, Maxwell, reception to Grand Master.

Fidelity Lodge, Ottawa, reception to Grand Master.

Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke, Past Masters' night.

St. John's Lodge, Carleton Place, Past Masters' night.

DEATHS.

I have been advised of the demise of the following brethren, whose loss is sincerely regretted:

Builders Lodge—Bro. C. S. Taggart.

Chaudiere Lodge—W. Bro. W. A. Bangs, V. W. Bro. A. A. Henderson, Bro. R. C. Dewar.

St. Josn's Lodge, Bro. A. Nichols, W. Bro. Frank Donald, Bro. James Miller.

Renfrew Lodge—Bro. Geo. W. McDonald, Bro. John Smith.

Cobden Lodge—W. Bro. Robert Allen.

Woodwood Lodge—Bro. John A. Richardson, Bro. Frank Davidson.

Doric Lodge—Bro. Chas. Scrim.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

According to instructions I issued a circular containing, amongst other matters, a pointed reference to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and reappointed the several chairmen of the committees formed by my immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. Luke. I sent a second letter to the chairman of each lodge recapitulating the work, urging continued activity, and directing that all monies be forwarded to R. W. Bro. John Robertson, who kindly consented to continue as District Treasurer for the fund. A further circular was sent in addition to the general circular of Grand Lodge, on March 17th, requesting a strenuous solicitation and closing the date of return of all monies to District Treasurer. At all my official visits I have urged upon the Craft an appreciation of the importance of this laudable work, and in every instance have received marked expressions of encouragement. Three lodges have paid the assessment in full. One lodge has the amount on deposit in a chartered bank and many lodges have already paid more than half of their total assessment. The report of monies received this year is as follows, per District Treasurer.

1. St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place, \$68.00.
2. Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, \$71.00.
3. Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa, \$63.00.
4. Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa, \$73.00.
5. Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa, \$36.00.
6. Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, Ottawa, \$54.00.
7. Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa, \$52.00.

8. Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371, Ottawa, \$67.10.
9. Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville, \$144.00, to Grand Secretary.

Last year this district paid to the Grand Secretary the sum of \$2,191.00, according to last Grand Lodge report, and it is with pleasure that we have knowledge that these further sums have been collected. Some of the lodges have increased their annual dues sufficient to cover the amount within the time urged by Grand Lodge, while others rely upon personal solicitation by committee. I have every hope that the full quota of the district will eventually be raised. I have encountered much dissatisfaction, that as each new initiation is made the number of assessment is raised by one. The brethren claim that they should be assessed \$3.00 per capita on the number of members on the roll at the time the fund was first launched.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A most successful Lodge of Instruction was held under the charter and auspices of Builders' Lodge, Ottawa, on the evening of Friday, April 13th, 1906. The attendance was very large even for this progressive district. Many representatives from distant lodges were present. Grand Lodge was well served by the presence of R. W. Bros. Butterworth, Wilson, Cleary, Luke, Stephen, J. A. Houston (No. 15), P. D. D. G. M's; V. W. Bros. Wilson, Cairns, with W. M's of all near sister lodges and about 250 members of the Craft. The first degree was worked by the officers of Dalhousie Lodge, under W. Bro. Scott, and the work was so perfectly done that the brethren had to look for points of discussion in what might be done under other circumstances. The lodge was passed by W. Bro. Perney and the officers of Builders' Lodge, and a candidate examined, which was complete in every detail. The lodge was then raised to the third degree, called off, resumed labor, and the degree conferred. In every detail the work was as near perfection as it is possible to attain, not a point for adverse criticism occurred during the whole course of the work. After the work was finished a full and free discussion of the proceedings of the evening took place and many points, principally minor, were debated. I took occasion to remind brethren concerned that the so-called undress

regalia was not as yet recognized by Grand Lodge, and a peculiar action of the Inner Guard, upon which there is every ground for division of opinion, was well talked over in a discussion led by R. W. Bro. Luke and W. Bro. Sproule. I also drew attention to the lack of courtesy displayed to Past Grand Lodge officers. The lodge was closed in the three degrees, which completed a most successful evening.

VISITS.

Dalhousie, No. 52: Accompanied by a very large deputation of brethren, among whom were R. W. Bros. May, Luke, Wilson, McDonnell, Rea, Cleary, Robertson and V. W. Bro. H. Wilson and many sitting Masters, I visited this old and historic lodge on Tuesday, November 7th, 1905. My presentation by W. Bro. Parington was most flattering, and the manner of my reception by the W. M. was fraternal and dignified. The large lodge room was crowded with members of the Craft, who were attentive and interested. The work presented by the W. M., W. Bro. Scott, was two initiations, which were well done in a clear and careful manner. Owing to the absence of the J. W. the south was filled by the S. D., who did his work most efficiently; the J. D. was also absent, but his substitute, Bro. Hall, performed his duties without a flaw. A unique event at this meeting was the presence of the tyler in a chair near the Tast, which he occupied by request of the W. M., after having been received by a standing lodge. Bro. Sweetman has been tyler for over fifty years, and as a token of regard and esteem I had the pleasure of tendering, for his acceptance, a purse of gold, a gift of the brethren of this lodge. I had also the gratification of presenting a P. M. jewel to W. Bro. Sproule, one of the best Masters who ever occupied a chair. The evening concluded with an elaborate banquet. Among the excellent speeches was that of Bro. R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, which was listened to with attention and received with great applause.

Doric, No. 58: A large number of Grand Lodge officers honored me by their presence when I paid my official visit to this lodge on Friday, January 5th, 1906. I was most cordially received by the W. M. and brethren. The hall was well filled with the members of the Craft,

while the East was overflowing with Past Masters. The W. M., W. Bro. Pratt, conducted the execution duties of the lodge with marked skill and ability. I was greatly pleased to find the arrears of dues markedly decreased, although a considerable sum is still outstanding. The finances show a substantial balance to the credit of the lodge, and the Secretary's books are well kept. At the request of the W. M. I was much pleased to install the W. M.-elect and invest the officers for the ensuing year. The work of the Deacons in opening the degrees was bad—very bad—and betrayed a great lack of knowledge of the work. The newly installed Master, W. Bro. Hocking, is a thorough Master of his duties, and requested that I would consent to his working a degree—any degree—but as the hour was late, and from the marked ability displayed by himself and Wardens, I was quite satisfied that the lodge was in good hands, especially as the officers have the opportunity of profiting by the valuable advice of R. W. Bros. John Robertson and S. Luke. The evening concluded with an enjoyable and enthusiastic banquet.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63: By the request of the W. M. I installed the officers of this lodge on the night of the festival of St. John. This being my mother lodge I felt especially pleased at being asked to perform this ceremony. The spacious room was filled and full Board of Installed Masters present. Knowing the W. M., W. Bro. Findlay, as an expert Craftsman, I look forward to the continuous prosperity of this energetic lodge. My expectations were fully realized at my official visit on the regular meeting night, February 14th. A goodly number of the brethren were present in spite of a disastrous fire then going on which caused serious loss to the Junior Warden, Bro. Hooper. The work presented was a passing, which was as near perfection as can be attained, from the reception to the delivering of the final charge every officer did his work well. The candidate was thoroughly posted in all his work and answered all questions in a clear and accurate manner. This lodge insists on every candidate memorizing the obligations in addition to the usual questions for examination. The finances are excellent, and a town lot has been purchased at the cost of \$2,000.00, upon which it is proposed to erect a new temple in the near future. The books are well kept

and the contributions to the Semi-Centennial Fund fairly well paid. An enjoyable Past Masters' night was held by this lodge, and the work done proved that although past the chairs the W. brethren are still in close touch with the minute details of our ceremonies.

Renfrew, No. 122: I paid my official visit to this lodge on Monday, December 4th, and was most cordially welcomed by the W. M., W. Bro. H. Coolican. The beautiful lodge room was fairly well filled by the members of the craft, while in the ast I was much pleased to find R. W. Bros. Barr and MacKay, W. Bro. Timmins and W. Bro. Muir, the oldest living member of the lodge. From the report of my predecessor I was doubtful as to the well working of this lodge. A first degree was presented for inspection, and with the exception of a few minor faults was well done. W. Bro. Coolican is a conscientious worker, but in the matter of ruling and conducting the internal economy of the lodge is too much influenced by the advice of brethren who have previously passed through the chair. The Junior and Senior Wardens did their work well, and the lecture on the tracing board was carefully given. The floor work of the J. D. was much above the average. The charge to the candidate was delivered by W. Bro. McKinnon in an impressive manner. Books well kept and dues fairly well paid. After the close of the lodge an enjoyable supper was spread at Bro. Stitt's, to which full justice was done by the brethren.

Pembroke, No. 128: I was greatly pleased to have with me W. Bro. Bartram, who has given me a more than loyal support during my term of office, when I made my official visit to this lodge on the evening of March 1st, 1906. My reception by W. Bro. Gordon and the brethren of the lodge was most cordial and friendly, while I found in the East many present and past Grand Lodge officers, among whom were R. W. Bros. Josephs, V. W. Bros. Morris and Stewart, and W. Bro. Bayne. I take it as a personal compliment that the M. W. the Grand Master was present in his official capacity and presided during the evening. With his consent W. Bro. Gordon and his officers presented an initiation for criticism. Candor and justice compel me to say that the work was not well done and betrayed lack of attention and practice on the part of the officers. The W. M. has the ability and

address of a first-class workman, but has neglected to perfect himself, and the majority of his officers have followed his example. The floor work was below the average, and the Junior Warden's lecture given too fast, with many omissions. The Senior Warden was above adverse criticism, and the charge by W. Bro. Reeves was well done. I pointed out wherein, to my mind, the weakness lay, and am pleased to say that the brethren are good sportsmen, taking my severe criticism without umbrage. This lodge has the most elaborate quarters outside of Ottawa city, and in every way administers to the comfort of the craft. The Semi-Centennial Fund has been paid in full. A tasteful and enjoyable fourth degree completed what was, I trust, a profitable evening.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147: I made my official visit to this lodge on the regular meeting night, November 3rd. 1905. I carefully examined the register and found an average attendance for the past year of 24. I also made a careful inquiry into the financial condition, which shows over \$300.00 in hand, no indebtedness, and only \$15.00 arrears of dues. The older members of the lodge are well trained, but some of the younger brethren need a little more tuition. My reception was most loyal and enthusiastic. The work submitted was the M. M. degree, which was done by W. Bro. Kelly in an able and impressive manner, assisted by substitute Wardens. The work of the lodge has been greatly retarded by the marked indifference of the Wardens, whom my predecessor was obliged to admonish, and had they been present I would have followed in his footsteps. Bro. McCarthy, who filled the south, did splendidly, and will, in due time, make an excellent officer. The floor work of the Deacons was average, while the Inner Guard might be more proficient in his duties. Too much credit cannot be given to W. Bros. Kelly, Dodds, Washburn and Steele for the persistent manner in which they have faced and overcome many difficulties. With the present W. M. in the chair for another year, and new Wardens, the work of the lodge will be materially improved. A happy and cheerful fourth degree completed a pleasant evening.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148: I visited this lodge on the regular meeting night in March, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Rea and V. W. Bros. Wilson and Turley. This was by no means the first opportunity I had had of meet-

ing with the brethren of this lodge, whose one aim seems to be that of extending a generous and fraternal welcome to all members of the craft. The commodious lodge room was well filled, while the East was honored by the presence of M. W. Bro. Ross, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, and M. W. Bros. Ellis and Yeo, Past Grand Masters of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. I was cordially and loyally received by W. Bro. Phillips in a flattering address, and my reception by the brethren enthusiastic. The work submitted was a M. M. degree, for which the candidate passed the examination in a creditable manner. In every detail the work was well done, the W. M. is one of the best I have ever had the pleasure of hearing, and his officers splendidly trained. The musical portion, as rendered by the choir, added much to the heartiness and impressiveness of the degree. I cannot forbear from complimenting this lodge upon its high state of efficiency and general prosperity. The books are neatly kept, while the arrears of dues is practically nil. This lodge is noted for the generosity of its entertainments, and the banquet which completed the evening was most elaborate. Splendid addresses were given by M. W. Bro. Ross and several visiting brethren.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159: Without in any manner wishing to advise my successor in office, I am of the opinion that this lodge should be visited during the winter months, as most of the members are engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in consequence find it difficult to be present at a meeting in the early summer. In spite of this drawback I was cordially welcomed by a fair assembly of the brethren on the evening of May 8th, when I made my official visit. The work submitted was the M. M. degree, which was carried out in every detail in a highly satisfactory and creditable manner by the senior officers of the lodge. W. Bro. Richardson performed his portion of the work faultlessly, as did also the Senior Warden. The Junior Warden did fairly well and the Deacons not at all. For this latter I must offer the excuse that the senior Deacon was absent and his place filled by Bro. Duke, who under the circumstances did well. The Junior Deacon did not know his work and requires more instruction. The books are well kept and a large amount of arrears of dues being gradually reduced. The quarters are the worst in the district, but

I am led to hope that in the very near future this will be remedied and a lodge room equal to its reputation be provided for Goodwood Lodge. The Past Masters are active and take a vital interest in all lodge work. W. Bros. Saddington, Grant and Bradley, Channonhouse and Danby are present at nearly all the meetings and act upon many committees. This lodge is in fair condition.

Builders Lodge, No. 177: My first official visit to this lodge was one of the most enjoyable events of my term. The spacious lodge room was filled to the doors, while the brethren, who were unable to gain admittance waited in the adjoining parlors. My introduction by R. W. Bros. Rea and Butterworth was more than fraternal, and my reception by the W. M., W. Bro. Perney was, to say the least, very flattering. Owing to the excessively large number of brethren present, and the W. M. suffering from a severe cold, it was not deemed advisable to work a third degree as was anticipated. I consented to the opening and closing of the three degrees and the examination of a candidate on the second degree, all of which were faultless, every officer being as near perfection as it is possible to attain. After the lodge closed one of the largest gatherings of Masons in the city of Ottawa enjoyed the bountiful hospitality of this lodge. Many instructive speeches were given and listened to with great appreciation. To R. W. Bro. Cook is due much of the credit for the success of this part of the evenings enjoyment. On January 12th I paid an unexpected visit to this lodge and was pleased to find over fifty brethren present. The work submitted was two initiations, which was well done in every detail. The W. M., W. Bro. Perney, was very thorough and painstaking, and a complete master of his work. The Wardens were well skilled and prompt, and I have never heard the work of the Junior Warden given better—not only were the details explained on the tracing board, but were also pointed out in the lodge room. This lecture was a liberal education to the brethren. The Deacons' work was faultless, while the movements of all the brethren betrayed a well trained lodge.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior: Accompanied by W. Bro. Steele, of Mississippi Lodge, and W. Bro. Richardson, of Goodwood, I made my official visit to this lodge on the regular meeting on February 12th. Owing

to many other functions of a social nature taking place in the town on that evening the attendance was not large, but I fully realized, from the numerous questions, that what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality. R. W. Bro. Archie Hood is the guide, philosopher and friend of this lodge, which is of itself a sufficient guarantee of its good standing. I regret that the W. M., W. Bro. Simpson, was confined to his bed through illness, but his place was taken by W. Bro. Campbell, who presented the Master Mason's degree in a highly satisfactory manner. The work of the officers throughout was thorough and showed much careful preparation. I was greatly struck by the correct manner in which the brethren moved in the lodge room, which betrayed unceasing training on the part of the officers. The books are neatly and accurately kept. The arrears of dues only \$47. The prospects of a long succession of talented officers good, and the prosperity of the lodge assured. A well served and tasteful fourth degree completed a most pleasant evening.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark: Having read the reports of my predecessors, and because of information otherwise obtained, I became apprehensive as to the welfare and prosperity of this lodge, and soon after my installation instituted inquiries by letter to W. Bro. Buffam as to the condition of Masonry in Lanark. W. Bro. Buffam was pessimistic in his reply and seemed discouraged. After a somewhat lengthy correspondence I advised the calling of an emergent meeting, which was done, and the lodge assembled on Friday, October 20th. W. Bro. McIntosh, District Secretary, accompanied me to this meeting and materially assisted in readjusting the affairs of the lodge. I was pleased to find twelve enthusiastic brethren present, in spite of one of the worst storms of the season, and surprised at their proficiency in the work. The necessary dispensation having been obtained, I installed the officers, who are all well up in the opening and closing of the three degrees. Masonic material is plentiful, and I feel assured that this lodge will again attain its previous high standing.

Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, Ottawa: I paid my first official visit to this lodge on October 17th, accompanied by a large deputation of brethren, among whom were R. W. Bros. Dr. Robertson, G. S. May and J. D. Clarke.

My reception by the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Scott, was most kindly and cordial. An exceedingly large and attentive assemblage of the brethren testified to the enthusiasm of the members of the lodge. The work presented was a first degree, which was rendered in a most efficient manner. W. Bro. Scott is a careful and clear worker, every portion of the ceremony being rendered with the intention of impressing the candidate, whom I feel was much profited thereby. The officers did their work well and in a manner beyond adverse criticism. I wish to especially compliment the Secretary, Bro. Stewart, on his thoroughness, the arrears of dues being practically nil, due to the excellent "follow up" system of this most efficient brother. I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Herbert as a token of approval and esteem of the brethren. The evening was concluded by an elaborate banquet, good speeches and songs. The outlook of this lodge is excellent. This lodge tendered a magnificent reception to the Grand Master, of which mention will be made in his report.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264: Accompanied by R. W. Bros. McDonnell, Stephen, Rea, V. W. Bros. H. Wilson, Turley and many present and past Masters of sister lodges, I officially visited this lodge on the evening of February 27th, 1906. The large lodge room was filled to overflowing with the members of the Craft, while the capacity of the East was overtaxed to accommodate the W. brethren. I was greatly struck by the precision of all the members of this lodge, and looked forward with eagerness to the exemplification of the work. A first degree was presented by W. Bro. McCraken and his officers, and it is only faint praise to say that it was perfect. Every officer performed his duties in a faultless manner, paying strict attention to his work and not having one eye on the inspecting officer. W. Bro. McCraken is an ideal Master, who has animated his officers with an enthusiasm which makes the future prosperity of this lodge assured. The books are neatly and correctly kept and the arrears of dues is being gradually reduced. I had the pleasure of presenting, in the name of the lodge, Past Masters' jewels to W. Bros. Jones, Hill and Wilson, brethren of tried standing and sterling Masons. A great event occurred this night, when Bro. John Huckells presented the lodge with a complete set of beautiful regalia

and jewels for the officers. Bro. Huckells is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, members of the lodge, and his generosity will be long remembered by the brethren. An elaborate and joyful banquet completed a happy evening. This was one of the most enjoyable visits of my term.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 371: My official visit was paid to this lodge on the evening of January 26th, 1906. A large number of Grand Lodge officers were present, namely, R. W. Bros. Wilson, May, Rea, and R. W. Bro. J. A. Houston (No. 15), V. W. Bros. H. Wilson, Turley and Campbell. The room was well filled, and the brethren attentive and interested. The work submitted was a passing, which was well done in every respect. The W. M., W. Bro. Shane, is a thorough workman, and although suffering from nervousness, at his first passing, acquitted himself in a highly creditable manner. The Deacons were as near perfect as possible, although, in the opinion of some expert workmen, they did too much saluting, but as experts differ on this point, I could find no fault even were I disposed to do so. The lecture by the Senior Warden was well done and the candidate thoroughly posted. The charge by W. Bro. Northwood was the best I ever heard given by any officer. Just here I beg to say that the Craft in this district is indebted to W. Bro. Northwood (who is a sterling Mason of the old school) for two concise and carefully prepared papers on Masonry, one dealing with the history of Prince of Wales lodge and the other on general Masonic subjects. These papers were prepared after infinite research on the part of the W. brother, and read to the members of the lodge, by whom they were received with that approbation which they so richly deserved. The books are neatly and correctly kept and the arrears of dues small. A generous banquet, at which R. W. Bro. Houston gave the Craft some wholesome advice, placed the copestone on a satisfactory evening.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433: On Monday, April 9 1906, as the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master, I visited this lodge and found a fair attendance of brethren. Owing to the exceedingly disagreeable condition of the weather many of the members were unable to be present, the prospective candidate being among those absent. This lodge is very comfortably houses and their appointments excellent, everything that can ad-

minister to the comfort of the Craft being provided. There being no work, I requested the W. M. to open the lodge in the three degrees, call off, resume labor, and close, which was done in a highly satisfactory manner, every officer performing his portion of the work efficiently. W. Bro. Reeves has his duties well in hand, and is ably assisted by W. Bros. Leitch and Lellorff. Bro. Bannerman is an ideal Secretary, as his books testify. The arrears of dues, counting to date, is about \$70.00, an amount too large. This lodge has paid its assessment to the Semi-Centennial Fund in full. A tasteful and enjoyable banquet was partaken of by all the brethren. This lodge is in good condition and the prospects bright.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459: Accompanied by that enthusiastic Mason, W. Bro. Timmins, of Renfrew, I visited this lodge on the evening of December 12th. My reception, from the moment I stepped from the train, was most fraternal. A large assembly of the brethren congregated in the handsome lodge room, and by the numerous questions asked me displayed their deep interest in the working of the Craft. The W. M., W. Bro. Delahay, conducted the executive work of the lodge in an able manner, giving each brother ample opportunity to express his views on each subject under discussion, but at no time permitting the work to drag. This night was partly occupied by the election of officers, which was most harmonious. The work was to be a second degree, but the candidate failed to appear, so at my request the W. M. examined Bro. Fisher, a candidate posted by this lodge, but a Fellowcraft of Sussex, Brockville, who had his work perfectly. The same brother acted as a substitute candidate for the second degree, which was well done; a few minor mistakes were made, which I corrected. The lodge was then raised to the third degree, called off, resumed labor, and severally closed in the three degrees. My examination was thorough and I was pleased with the result. The Secretary's books are neatly kept, but not in accordance with the constitutional form, to which I drew the attention of the newly elected Secretary, who promised to remedy the same. Arrears of dues nil. An elaborate fourth degree completed a pleasant and I hope profitable evening. I am much indebted to W. Bro. Delahay and Bros. Maire and Robertson for many evidences of fraternal goodwill.

Carleton Lodge, No. 465: I made my official visit to this lodge on the regular meeting of March, and was greatly pleased to find R. W. Bro. Hood on my arrival. This lodge is much indebted to the R. W. brother for many services freely rendered from time to time. An exceedingly large number of the brethren, among whom were representatives from all the neighboring sister lodges, was present, and filled the commodious lodge to overflowing. The quarters of this lodge are excellent and better than most rural lodges. My reception was most hearty and fraternal, and the many questions asked betrayed a deep interest in the work. The executive duties of the lodge were carried on by W. Bro. G. N. Kidd with marked ability, and the Secretary's books neatly and correctly kept. At the request of W. Bro. Kidd, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Hood, I installed the Master-elect, W. Bro. Richardson, who answers all the requirements of a perfect master. W. Bro. Kidd was the happy recipient of a P. M. jewel, which was presented in the name of the lodge by R. W. Bro. Hood in an eloquent address. Two illuminated addresses were given to Bros. Gordon and McKay as a token of esteem and as an expression of regret on their removal to another district. This lodge is in excellent condition financially, the brethren well trained and enthusiastic, and their prospects of the brightest. The fourth degree was worked with old-time energy, while the addresses by the speakers were far above the average.

Corinthian Lodge, U. D.: On the 27th July, 1905, I received from the M. W. the Grand Master, through the Grand Secretary, a dispensation to institute Corinthian Lodge, North Gower. Accordingly I made arrangements to open the lodge on Friday, September 8th, which was done, and at which the letters of dispensation were read and placed in the hands of the W. M. and the lodge organized. I received valuable assistance from W. Bros. Pratt, Phelps, Smith and Craig. The lodge has an ideal Master, while the Secretary, W. Bro. A. E. McCordick, is a Past Master of untiring zeal and accuracy. In order to report fully to Grand Lodge, I made a second visit to this lodge on June 1st, the regular meeting. A large number of brethren were present. The work for the evening was two passings and two raisings, which were done in a highly satisfactory and creditable manner. W.

Bro. Craig is in every respect a splendid Master and completely in touch with his duties. The Secretary, W. Bro. A. E. McCordick, has taken great pains with the books, which are admirably kept. All the officers are thoroughly familiar with the work and all enthusiastic. A fine new hall has been built and very handsomely furnished, and in every respect the prospects of the lodge are excellent.

Russell Lodge, U. D.: A number of brethren in the village of Russell have petitioned the M. W. the Grand Master for a dispensation to establish a lodge in that village, and the Grand Master having been graciously pleased to grant their prayer, and the necessary authority having been forwarded to me, I made arrangements to open a lodge on Wednesday, June 6th, 1906, at which the letters of dispensation were read and placed in the hands of the W. M. A good hall has been provided, with proper ornaments, furniture and jewels, and the future of the lodge seems bright.

DIVINE SERVICE.

On the festival of St. John all the Craft lodges in the city of Ottawa, assisted by brethren of neighboring sister lodges, attended divine service in St. Andrew's Church. The M. W. the Grand Master honored the occasion by his presence and expressed himself well pleased. Over 800 brethren were in line, presenting a most imposing sight. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Bayne, whose reputation as a preacher and logician is more than local, made one of the efforts of his life in a sermon which held the vast assembly enthralled. This will in all probability be made an annual event.

In conclusion, permit me to say that throughout my term of office, an dduring my official visits, my reception has been most generous and fraternal. Words cannot express one-tenth part of the many kindnesses and evidences of fraternal regard which have been showered upon me. To the Grand Lodge officers who have so generously and cordially given me their advice I tender my hearty thanks; their encouragement has been an inspiration and their counsel a check upon my somewhat impetuous nature. To the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Murray, I make sincere acknowledgments for his overlooking my many mistakes. I find it difficult to

adequately thank the M. W. the Grand Master for his forbearance and patience with my efforts, but his firm, just and equitable decisions on all questions have rendered my pathway less strenuous. I have endeavored to do my duty as I saw it, and will find ample reward in the approbation of the brethren.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. S. GORRELL, D. D. G. M.,

Ottawa District No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Ottawa District, No. 18, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

ALGOMA DISTRICT NO. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting my official report on the condition and progress of Masonry in Algoma District No. 17 for the Masonic year ending June 24, 1906.

I will take this opportunity to express to the brethren of the district my warm appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by electing me to the high and honorable position of D. D. G. M. I appointed as District Secretary, A. W. Walsh, and as District Chaplain, Rev. J. J. Johnston, both of Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River. I am glad to report that all the lodges in the district are in a prosperous and healthy condition, and that the prospects for the future are bright. The work done in all the lodges is up to a high standard, and the attendance good.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted during the year:

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Capt. Jos. McKenzie, of Hurtley Lodge, Wisconsin.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, to attend an at home.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Edwin Emmons, of Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur.

Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora, to install officers on January 10th, 1906.

Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River, to attend an at home January 19th, 1906.

Fort William Lodge, No. 414, Fort William, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Newcomb, March 11th, 1906.

Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Frances, to attend

the funeral of our late W. Bro. Jesse Eldridge, May 29th, 1906.

And the following lodges to attend divine service on Sunday, June 24th: Shuniah, No. 287, Port Arthur; Pequonga, No. 414, Kenora; Granite, No. 446, Fort Frances, and Ionic, No. 461, Rainy River.

LAYING CORNER STONE.

On July 31st, 1905, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed R. W. Bro. W. Roaf, of Toronto, to lay the corner stone of the new Public School at Rainy River. Grand Lodge was opened in the lodge room, and R. W. Bro. Roaf, assisted by a number of prominent Masons from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Ontario, performed the ceremony in a most thorough and impressive manner.

VISITS.

Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Frances: I visited this lodge officially on the evening of June 5th, 1906. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, and the first degree was put on by the W. M., W. Bro. H. J. F. Sissons, in a most creditable and impressive manner. Granite lodge has been somewhat handicapped for the last year, as on the 11th July last year they were compelled to vacate their quarters in the school building, and they did not get another room to meet in until December 5th, 1905. They are now, however, comfortably situated, and Masonry in Fort Frances will in the future flourish.

Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River: I visited this lodge officially on the evening of June 7th. The first and third degrees were exemplified by W. Bro. A. A. McCrimmon, assisted by W. Bro. J. T. Stevenson, in a most creditable manner. The attendance was large, and the work of the Wardens and floor officers was well done.

Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora: I visited this lodge on the 13th June. The work of the evening was the conferring of the first degree upon a candidate. The work was well done. At the same meeting there were four applications in for membership, and from the class of material the success of Lake of the Woods lodge is assured.

Pequonga lodge, No. 414, Kenora: This lodge I visited on the evening of June 14th at an emergent meeting.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the third degree on Bro. McMurphy. The degree was exemplified by Bro. McMurphy's father, W. Bro. D. McMurphy, and was well done. The attendance at this meeting was good, as there were about thirty-five members and visitors present.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin: I paid my official visit to this, my mother lodge, on the evening of June 15th. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. D. T. Ferguson, W. M. of Lake of the Woods Lodge; W. Bro. C. W. Belyea, W. M. of Pequonga Lodge; W. Bro. Wm. Robertson, W. Bro. D. McMurphy, W. Bro. Anexander Horne, Bro. W. Cameron and several others. We were met at the dock by the brethren of Keewatin and escorted to the lodge room. There not being any candidate, the W. M., W. Bro. W. D. Armstrong, exemplified the third degree, taking one of the brethren as a candidate, and the work was up to the high standard which this lodge has always held in the district. A pleasant hour was spent after the meeting, and we returned to Kenora by boat.

Royal Lodge, No. 453, Fort William: I visited this lodge on June 25th. On my arrival in Fort William I was met by W. Bro. J. A. McRae, W. M. of this lodge, R. W. Bro. McDougall, W. Bro. McNaughton, and several other brethren, who had a launch in waiting, and we had a three hours' run on the river. The installation of officers took place this evening after the conferring of edgrees and opening in the three degrees, which was well done by W. Bro. McRae and his officers. After the installation W. Bro. Dean, the newly elected Master, and his officers closed the lodge in a most satisfactory manner. With the staff of officers and the most efficient Secretary I see nothing but prosperity for Royal Lodge.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur: I called an emergent meeting of this lodge for June 26th, but unfortunately I was ill and unable to attend. I, however, met W. Bro. F. B. Allan, W. M. of the lodge; W. Bro. J. W. Armstrong, I. P. M.; R. W. Bro. J. W. Morgan and several other of the brethren, who were very kind to me. I understand from the brethren that this lodge is in a flourishing condition, and, with the rapid growth of the town, will continue to lead the lodges in the district as far as members are concerned.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William: I paid my official visit to this lodge on June 27th. There was a large attendance of the brethren and visitors. The W. M. opened the lodge in excellent form, but having been called away V. W. Bro. J. T. Hollinshead exemplified the degree on a candidate in his usual excellent form. This lodge meets in the Oddfellows' hall at present, but are thinking seriously of putting up a building for themselves; in fact, they now have the plans prepared for same. From the efficient staff of officers they have in this lodge there can be nothing but success.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

On making my official visits to the different lodges in the district I brought this matter before those present, and have been assured by the Secretaries that the fund has been well subscribed to, and I trust that remittances from all the lodges are in the hands of the Grand Lodge before this.

In conclusion I wish to return my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the very hearty and welcome manner in which they all received me, and for the many acts of kindness extended to me on every occasion, and would only ask that the same courtesies be extended to my successor, whoever he may be.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. ROBERTSON, D. D. G. M.,
Algoma District No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table Showing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Number of Lodges.	Membership.	Degrees conf'd.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resiginations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Decreas'd.	Regulat.	Emergent.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Atreages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
287 Shuniah ...	Port Arthur ...	169	24	24	22	20	3	2	2	14	27	46	\$30.00	27	\$580.00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Bright	Yes	\$ 800.00			
414 Pequonage, Kenora	116	12	7	8	3	1	1	2	1	14	5	19	61	80	19	289.00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	600.00		
415 Ft. William, Fort William	125	18	6	17	18	22	1	1	2	4	13	9	22	38	...	13	101.50	June 24, '06	Good	Bright	Yes	300.00	
417 Keewatin, Keewatin	64	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	14	...	24	...	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	500.00		
445 Lake Woods, Kenora	32	3	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	11	1	12	16	...	9	120.10	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Yes	400.00		
446 Granite ...	51	5	2	3	1	2	2	1	1	10	2	12	17	30.00	...	47.43	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	400.00		
453 Royal ...	73	22	20	12	10	2	1	1	1	12	10	22	19	...	150.00	June 24, '05	Good	Good	Yes	600.00			
461 Ionic	59	9	8	9	12	1	1	1	1	14	5	19	19	89.00	5	46.50	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Yes	1150.00		

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to submit the following report upon the condition of Masonry in Nipissing Listrict No. 18. This district is now composed of 10 lodges, nine being warranted and one working under dispensation. All of these I have visited at least once. To accomplish this a vast territory has to be covered, as distances are great. From Mattawa lodge on the east to Keystone and Algoma lodges at Sault Ste. Marie on the exereme west is over 300 miles, while from North Bay to New Liskeard on the north is 115 miles.

As a result of my visits and of the reports from the several lodges I find that Masonry throughout the district is in a flourishing condition. Most of the lodges show a steady increase in membership, the best Masonic feeling prevails, and peace and harmony exist throughout the district. Not a single controversial matter has been submitted for a ruling during the year.

In October last a petition was received from a number of the brethren in and about Haileybury praying for the grant of dispensation for the formation of a new lodge. After due enquiry and and careful consideration of all the circumstances I felt that the time was not yet ripe for the establishment of a new lodge within such a short distance of the existing lodge at New Liskeard, and so was obliged to recommend against the petition. This, however, being the time of rapid growth in the northern portion of the district, it may well be that the brethren will be quite justified in renewing their petition in the very near future. During the year I have had occasion to grant but one dispensation, that one being to Nipissing Lodge for the purpose of holding a Lodge of Instruction on June 20th last.

It is with regret that I have to note the following deaths

among the brethren of this district during the past year: Bro. George Burden, of Keystone Lodge, No. 412; W. Bro. Silas Huntington, of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420; Bros. James Duncan and John Martin, of Dyment Lodge, No. 442; Bro. Thomas E. Flesher, of Doric Lodge, No. 455; Bro. S. J. Allan, of Gore Bay Lodge, U. D.

It afforded me great pleasure to comply with the request of the M. W. the Grand Master in the constitution and consecration at Sault Ste. Marie, on November 29th last, of Algoma Lodge, No. 469, according to ancient usage, as a regular lodge, being assisted in the ceremony by a large number of the P. D. D. G. M's and other Grand Lodge officers, past and present, resident within the district. Upon the completion of this most interesting ceremony the officers of Algoma lodge were installed and invested. In this I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. J. D. H. Browne.

The claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund have been pressed by me upon the attention of the several lodges on all available occasions, and a fairly creditable result can be reported. Mattawa Lodge has paid \$254, being the full quota for every member except some 4 or 5, who, being members of other lodges, are paying to those other lodges. Nickel and Doric lodges have also done excellently, having subscribed respectively \$340 and \$143, being practically the full amount expected from these lodges, less payments from those who, having dual membership, are paying elsewhere. The returns from Keystone and Nipissing lodges are not so large as I had expected from lodges of such numerical and financial strength. They have, however, contributed substantial amounts, viz., \$179 and \$151.50 respectively, and I am assured that the claims of the fund will be pressed urgently and that good results may yet be expected. Dyment, Sturgeon Falls, Algoma and Temiscamingue lodges are all behind in this good work, but I have reason to believe that their full duty will be largely fulfilled during the coming year.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury: My first official visit was made at Sudbury on May 2nd to Nickel lodge, when I found, as anticipated, that this lodge was continuing to make marked progress both in point of numbers and financially, having now a membership of about 150. The work of the evening, the initiation of a candi-

date, was commendably performed by W. Bro. Montgomery and his regular officers. The books of the lodge were well and carefully kept; the lodge room comfortable, commodious and well equipped, while the members take an enthusiastic interest in the work. I found all things being done in order. The prospects of the lodge for continued prosperity are excellent.

Temiscamingue Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard: On May 10th I visited this lodge at New Liskeard, when I found every evidence of prosperity—a very considerable increase in membership, the balance of indebtedness for the purchase price of their lodge room premises wiped out. The work of W. Bro. Rev. F. T. Pitts and his officers was excellent, the third degree being conferred by them in an almost faultless manner. The members of the lodge appear to take a keen interest in the work and attend meetings well. The books of the lodge have not been kept in a manner to be approved, but showed such signs of recent improvement that, with the aid of some suggestions made, I hope that in future there will be no room for criticism.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay: I visited this lodge on 14th May and found that the harmony of the lodge, which was, to a degree, threatened a year or so ago, had happily been restored and all were working together in peace and with renewed enthusiasm. W. Bro. Lee and his officers have the work well in hand, and conferred a degree in a very creditable manner. The books of the lodge are kept in excellent order by Bro. Johnston, the indefatigable Secretary. Much of the progress made by the lodge during the past year is due to the energy of the W. M. and the splendid assistance afforded him by R. W. Bro. Young and W. Bros. Rorabeck and Weegar. A most successful Lodge of Instruction was held under the auspices of Nipissing Lodge on June 20th, when we were honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, together with several other distinguished members of Grand Lodge. The exemplification of the degrees by Temiscamingue and Sturgeon Falls lodges was done in such a manner as to earn the warm commendation of our most distinguished guest. This Lodge of Instruction followed the impressive ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Methodist Church, in course of erection at North Bay, which ceremony was performed

by the M. W. the Grand Master, assisted by other officers of Grand Lodge and in the presence of a large number of the Craft and of the citizens. This was a most successful day and one long to be remembered by those who were so fortunate as to be able to attend.

Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, Sturgeon Falls: To this lodge I paid a visit on May 16th, and was cordially received by a large number of the brethren. The lodge room is still "somewhat diminutive," as described by my predecessor in office, but a great improvement has been made in the furnishings and equipment, due in a great measure to the energetic action of W. Bro. McFarland, W. M. of the lodge. The room is now well and comfortably furnished, and new life seems to have been instilled into the members by the W. M. and his officers, who are all efficient in their work, and conferred the second degree in a pleasing and impressive manner. I regret to note that in this lodge, as in one or two others within the district, the amount of dues in arrear is too great, and a strong effort will be necessary to reduce them within reasonable bounds.

Doric Lodge, No. 455, Little Current: I visited this lodge on June 5th. The chair was ably filled by W. Bro. Bellwood, I. P. M., in the absence of W. Bro. Turner, W. M. The regular business of electing officers having been completed, and no degree work being ready, the lodge was closed after having been opened in the several degrees. A considerable number of members of this lodge have removed or are now within the jurisdiction of the new lodge at Gore Bay, the result being very small meetings for Doric lodge, despite the efforts of the W. M. and of W. Bros. Bellwood and Powell. The financial condition of the lodge is good, and it maintains its membership as in the past year. I sincerely trust that conditions will so change as to insure a return of activity to this lodge.

Gore Bay Lodge: This lodge, which is working under dispensation, I visited on June 6th, when members to the number of 21 were present—a very creditable turnout for such a young lodge. The home of this lodge is small, but sufficient for present needs. It is comfortably furnished and is supplied with all necessary and suitable regalia. Substantial progress has been made during the past year, under the direction of W.

Bro. Johnston and his principal and assistant officers, who exemplified the first degree in a manner which satisfied me that the work in the lodge is being well and carefully done. The furniture of the lodge has not yet been insured, but the officers have promised to see that it is placed at once.

Dyment Lodge, No. 442, Thessalon: I visited this lodge on June 7th, when I found the W. M. with his usual officers and a fair number of members in attendance. The first degree was exemplified in a creditable manner. Substantial progress has been made during the year, but the lodge is, I regret to say, far behind in contributions to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. In this lodge also a special effort will have to be made to cut down the large arrears of dues. The lodge room is comfortable and well furnished and equipped. The books are in good order and prospects are good.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, and Algoma Lodge, U. D., Sault Ste Marie: On June 8th I visited these lodges jointly. The lodges occupy the same hall and are working together most successfully and harmoniously. Keystone, one of the oldest lodges in the district, has the largest membership, while Algoma is the youngest lodge in the district, having been constituted in November last. Its membership, 75, will indicate the rapid progress it has made. This was one of the most enthusiastic and enjoyable meetings I have had the pleasure of attending. V. W. Bro. Nichols, W. M. of Algoma lodge, conferred the second degree in a very efficient manner, being aided by the prompt and exact floor work of his assistant officers. W. Bro. Broughton, W. M. of Keystone lodge, assisted by W. Bro. Greene, I. P. M., conferred the third degree in a very correct and impressive manner, being strongly supported throughout by every one of his officers, who gave evidence of thorough and careful instruction. In all things the work of both these lodges is excellent and the prospects of both are good.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, Mattawa: I had arranged to visit this lodge on 22nd May, but it seemed impossible to secure a meeting on that date. I have since, however, had an opportunity of visiting this lodge officially, accompanied by R. W. Bro. A. Hood and V. W. Bro. Stewart, of Pembroke. W. Bro. Harwood, W. M. of the lodge, was unable to be present, and as no degree work was

ready the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, W. Bro. Haentschel, P. M. of the lodge, being in the chair. This lodge, like Doric Lodge, of Little Current, suffers from the effects of a small resident membership. It is in excellent financial condition, owing mainly to the unceasing energy of the Secretary, W. Bro. Haentschel. Its record on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund is excellent, while in regard to dues it holds a place all its own among the lodges in this district, at least, in not having a cent of dues in arrears.

This completed my round of visits, and before closing I desire to express very shortly but warmly my thanks for, and great appreciation of, the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me by the brethren throughout the district during my term of office.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

H. D. LEASK, D. D. G. M.,

Nipissing District No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table Showing the work done in Nipissing District, No. 18, from June 21th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

NAME OF LODGE.		LOCATION.	TOTAL NO. OF MEMBERS.	INCREASED DURING YEAR.	DECREASED DURING YEAR.	MEMBERSHIP CONF'D.	DEGREES CONF'D.
NUMBER OF LODGE.	NAME OF LODGE.						
052	Matteawa	Matteawa	87	5	4	1	1
122	Keystone	S. S. Marie	237	11	9	11	12
118	Nipissing	North Bay	118	3	11	9	7
127	Nickel	Sudbury	150	14	11	4	2
142	Dynant	Plessalaon	77	7	10	9	5
147	Dore	Sturgeon Falls	58	8	6	3	2
154	Littie Current	63	3	3	3	1	1
162	Teniseing New Liskard	60	12	13	8	6	3
69	Algoma	S. S. Marie	75	11	11	19	15
72	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	34	19	19	11	2

MUSKOKA DISTRICT NO. 19.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It is with pleasure I beg to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in Muskoka District No. 19.

In the first place I would indeed be ungrateful did I not return my sincere thanks to the brethren for the high honor conferred upon me at the Jubilee Communication of Grand Lodge in selecting me to fill the important and responsible position of D. D. G. M., and also express to them my appreciation of the cordial treatment extended to me whilst paying my official visits, a flattering reception being accorded in every case. I visited every lodge in the district once, and in every case at the regular meeting.

I am pleased to report that Masonry is in a flourishing condition in this district. A friendly rivalry exists among the lodges in the matter of accuracy and uniformity of the ritualistic work, so that on my visits I was more often called upon to compliment than to criticise the work. The principal officers of the various lodges are most proficient, the W. M. in every case being able to work the three degrees, and the Wardens' lectures, which I had the pleasure of hearing, were faultless. Perfect harmony exists among the brethren of this district, as I have not, during the year, been called upon to adjust any grievance. On entering upon my duties after election I appointed W. Bro. W. W. Robertson, of Strong Lodge, No. 423, District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. W. H. French, of Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, District Chaplain, to both of whom I wish to extend my thanks for their beneficial services. I was not able to make arrangements for the holding of a Lodge of Instruction this year, therefore I was not called upon to grant any dispensation.

I urged the claims of the Semi-Centetnnial Fund on

all my visits, but I regret to say that considerable apathy exists towards this scheme. The greatest difficulty is encountered in getting non-residents to forward their contributions. All the lodges of this district excepting one have coincided with the scheme, and supported it fairly well, but one of our strongest lodges declares itself as being totally opposed to it.

DEATHS.

During the year I received notice of the death of two brethren, viz.: Bro. Jos. McFaul, of Powassan Lodge, No. 443, Powassan, and Bro. G. H. Lemon, of Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, both of whom were interred with Masonic honors.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Powassan Lodge, No. 434, Powassan: The first official visit I paid was to this lodge on the evening of February 9th, 1906. I was accompanied by Bros. French, Cook and Johnston, of Strong Lodge, No. 423. Unfortunately there was no degree work. The work of the evening consisted principally in the election of a W. M. to fill the chair vacated by the resignation of W. Bro. Geo. R. Coombs. W. Bro. A. H. Porter secured the election with unanimous approbation. The lodge was raised to the second and third degrees and closed in the several degrees, which amply demonstrated the efficiency of W. Bro. Coombs and his associate officers. Powassan lodge room has been extensively renovated since last report at considerable expense, which adds greatly to the appearance of the room and comfort of the brethren. The Secretary's books are kept in good shape, and the finances of the lodge show only a small deficit after the extensive improvements. The prospects of the lodge are very bright.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge: I visited this lodge at their regular meeting March 6th, 1906. There was a good attendance. I did not have the pleasure of seeing any work exemplified except opening and closing in the three degrees, which was done in a very creditable manner. The W. M., W. Bro. Henry J. Bird, Jr., who is also a P. M. of Muskoka lodge, is a very efficient officer. W. Bro. Richard Mills makes a good Secretary, and the other offices are well manned. Considerable

discussion regarding the Semi-Centennial Fund followed. I endeavored to show that it was not only our privilege but our duty to favor this worthy object, and so far got the lodge to accept it that the brethren came to the conclusion that should the raising of the fund prove a success after the three years Muskoka lodge would give its cheque in full as their quota to the fund. The finances of the lodge are good, the books kept in good condition, the lodge room neat and attractive, and the prospects bright for the future. A fourth degree well exemplified by all taking part brought the proceedings of a very pleasant meetin to a close.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale: I visited this lodge at the regular meeting on the evening of March 13, 1906. I was accompanied by W. Bro. A. T. French, W. M. of Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge, and W. Bro. J. W. Harris, W. M. of Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls, was also present. A good attendance was present considering the long distance many of the members reside from the lodge room. The craft here is laboring under difficulties, as the officers are much scattered. The work of the evening consisted of two firsts, conferred on two exceptionally bright candidates. The W. M. was ably assisted by W. Bros. Metcalf, Harris and McConkey. W. Bro. McConkey is an ideal Secretary and manipulates the books with great precision. The finances of the lodge are good and the prospects for the future fair.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst: I visited this lodge at their regular meeting April 9th, 1906. There was a good attendance, although the day was wet and the roads very bad. The first degree was conferred upon an excellent candidate by W. Bro. F. Hornsby in a manner that convinced me that he was master of the situation. I had also the privilege of observing the M. M. degree given to a brother who had driven over thirty miles that day to obtain it, in a most excellent manner by W. Bro. J. W. Elliott, M. D., assisted by R. W. Bro. W. W. McPhee. Golden Rule lodge room having been recently decorated with a complete set of new furniture of the very latest design, together with the unique arrangement of the lesser and the auxiliary lights, which makes the interior all that could be desired, and a very pleasant and comfortable home for the brethren. The lodge at pres-

ent has a set of genial efficient officers, the finances are in good condition, and the prospects for the future excellent. The Secretary, Bro. Geo. W. Keith, is an excellent officer and issues the most tasty summonses in the district.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville: This lodge was officially visited on their regular night of April 11, 1906. There was a very fair attendance considering the bad condition of the roads. Unfortunately there was no degree work on. The officers of Unity lodge are well filled, which was demonstrated by the smooth and graceful manner in which the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. The W. M., W. Bro. S. A. Hutchesson, is ably assisted by a number of P. M's. and the whole under the critical eye of R. W. Bro. J. N. Shearer ensures proficiency. The lodge room is large, well furnished, and well cared for, the books in good condition, and a healthy spirit prevails.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge: I visited this lodge officially on April 16th, 1906, the regular meeting night. The work of the evening was the conferring of a first degree on a good candidate, which was well done by the W. M., W. Bro. A. E. French. As I am a regular attender of this lodge I am in a position to judge the character of the work done, and can conscientiously say that it compares very favorably with any I have seen done in the district. Several years ago Strong Lodge seemed to awake from a lethargy into which it had previously fallen, and W. Bro. French and the other present officers maintain the high standard of efficiency attained by their predecessors. The East is ably supported by P. M's Maxwell, Robertson and myself, who are regular in attendance. The lodge room is comfortable and fairly well furnished, the finances in very good condition, the growth steady and carefully selected, and the prospects for the future of Strong lodge are good. W. Bro. Robertson being Secretary is a sufficient guarantee that the books and correspondence of the lodge are being handled in the most careful and efficient manner.

Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burk's Falls: I visited Corona Lodge on May 7th, 1906. Although I had made arrangements to visit it early in February, I was prevented by a disastrous fire which occurred, and which completely destroyed the lodge room, altogether with the

furniture and other chattels of the lodge, a few days before my intended visit. Unfortunately the brethren at that particular time had neglected to renew their insurance policy, and the loss was complete and heavy. But Corona lodge has a number of enthusiastic brethren who set to work immediately to restore their former comfortable condition. They obtained a dispensation from Grand Lodge to meet temporarily in a suitable room until one could be procured wholly for that purpose. They now meet in the Court House, which does very well in this emergency. I had the privilege of witnessing two firsts conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. J. W. Harris, who was ably assisted by W. Bros. Hilliar and Sturgeon, of Corona lodge, and W. Bro. French, of Strong lodge, who accompanied me on this visit. The work was well exemplified, and I was particularly well pleased with the accuracy and precision of the floor work of Bro. J. J. Wilson in the capacity of J. D. W. Bro. Sturgeon attends to the Secretary's duties with perfect satisfaction to the brethren, and reported at my visit that there was not a brother in arrears for dues. Corona lodge, although considerably behind financially, is not lacking in zeal, and is hopeful of speedily regaining its former standing.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: A visit to Granite lodge on May 16th, 1906, concluded my round of official visits, and I shall long remember the cordial reception and the pleasant evening spent on that occasion. There was considerable work to be done, but the evening was very warm, and only an initiation was attempted. This was very satisfactorily exemplified by R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, W. M., assisted by V.W. Bro. W. E. Foote. Granite lodge being the oldest in the district, and situated in the thriving town of Parry Sound, possesses many prominent and active members of the craft. The lodge owns the building in which it meets, being one of the best buildings in the town, having several stores and offices in the lower flats which yield a good revenue, the brethren reserving the whole of the top flat for themselves, which gives commodious and comfortable accommodation. Everything is in good condition in Granite lodge.

In conclusion, I wish to say that my term of office has been very pleasant indeed to me. At several of my visits

I gave a short address on the origin and growth of the Craft in this Province and throughout the world, which was apparently well received and appreciated. At all my visits the social aspect of our meetings was not forgotten, a sumptuous banquet being prepared, where the brethren spent a pleasant hour amid toasts, interspersed with recitations, songs, speeches, etc., all of which, to my mind, are very beneficial if not prolonged unduly.

Again I wish to thank the brethren for their kind indulgence to me, and consider myself well repaid if my feeble efforts have in any way proved beneficial to the Craft in this district.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. CARMICHAEL, D. D. G. M.,
Muskoka District No. 19.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Muskoka District, No. 19, from June 21st, 1905, to June 24th, 19

NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Number of Lodge.												Total No. of all Meets.												Increase during year.												Decrease during year.												Meetings held.												Affiliations.												Reservations.												Suspensions.												Decrees.												Regular.												Emergent.												Total.												Average attendance of members.												Amount paid for relief.												No. of members 12 months in arrears.												Total of all Arreages.												Date of last G. L. Return.												Financial Standing.												Prospects of Lodge.												Can W. M. work all degrees.												Insurance.											
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OTONABEE DISTRICT NO. 20.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

At the last communication of Grand Lodge at Hamilton the worshipful brethren by vote placed me in the office of D. D. G. M. of Otonabee District No. 20. The honor conferred upon me in placing me in so exalted a position is one which I appreciate to the utmost, and I need hardly add that my purpose has been to show myself worthy of the position by doing my utmost towards the building up of our great order in my district. I only wish I could have accomplished more than I have to this end. I am enabled, at any rate, as will be seen by my reports on the various lodges under my jurisdiction, to report Masonry as distinctly alive and progressive. My first act on assuming office was to communicate with each lodge and arrange for the carrying out of the instructions issued by Grand Lodge, viz., to visit every lodge in the district at some regular meeting of the lodge. I have already stated that I found our great and noble order in a flourishing condition throughout the district. Officers and members alike seem thoroughly imbued with the desire to help on the order by every means in their power. I brought before each lodge the great object of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and am pleased to report that I have been met with promises in regard to this fund, if carried out will result in generous returns to Grand Lodge. I hope soon to see Otonabee district in the proud position of having fully paid up its allotment. As my report has to be short and to the point I will not trespass further detailing what impressions I received in my tour of the district save in one respect, and that is, in extending my most cordial thanks to the brethren of the different lodges for the uniform kindness and hospitality that has been shown me. The year has been to me a very

happy one, and if I have been of any service to the Craft I am amply repaid for what efforts I have made by the pleasant recollections of my year of office.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26: I visited this lodge on April 19th. I found it in every respect a model lodge, the work being splendidly done, the W. M. and officers being supported by a long list of Past Masters and P. D. D. G. M's. The first degree was worked in a correct and most impressive manner. The members report Masonry advancing. Dues well paid up, and the lodge in a splendid financial position.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville: I paid my official visit to this lodge on April 4th. This is one of the oldest lodges in the district, and it is a pleasure to me to testify that notwithstanding its comparative antiquity the interest evinced by its members, and the ability displayed in their work by the officers of the lodge, shows no signs of weakness or decay. There was a good turnout, and the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees, there being no special work on hand. R. W. Bro. Simpson, P. D. D. G. M., is a tower of strength to this lodge. There is no fear for the future of Masonry in this place with such enthusiastic Masons as R. W. Bro. Simpson and the other P. M's associated with him in Jerusalem lodge.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle: I visited this lodge on Tuesday, April 3rd. I expected, by summons, to have seen some work in the third degree, but on arriving at the lodge room I found only a quorum, there being only seven members present. The W. M. opened up in the three degrees, performing his work in a creditable manner. We had a very interesting conversation as to the means of getting the brethren to take more interest in Masonry, which I hope will produce good results. I found that dues were well paid up, though there were a few delinquents. The membership on the lodge roll is 22. W. Bro. Allen makes a good Secretary and looks well after the finances.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterboro: I visited this lodge on March 16th, on the same occasion as the fraternal visit of our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt. There was a very large turnout of members both from Peterboro and from outside lodges, and a most cordial welcome was accorded to the Grand Master, and

I may add also to myself as D. D. G. M. Corinthian lodge kept up its good name in the matter of excellence in work, its officers fully deserved the praise bestowed on them by the Grand Master, who remarked that he had never in the course of his Masonic career seen work more efficiently performed. It was perfect. It is almost needless to add that Corinthian lodge is in good shape and that all its members are fully alive to the interests of Masonry.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope: I visited this lodge on April 6th, and was greeted at the regular meeting by the members assembled in a very enthusiastic manner. Here I was glad to greet one of the youngest W. M's in the district. There was a grand turnout and one candidate initiated. All the work was done most creditably, the W. M. and officers conducting the initiation and the I. P. M. giving the charge.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook: I visited this lodge on March 8th and found the new officers all in place. One candidate was raised to the third degree, the Master doing all the work except giving the charge. I can say that I never saw better work in any lodge. The lodge room is large and well furnished. I believe that a great deal of the prosperity of the lodge and of the excellence of the work performed within its walls is due to the energy and able tuition of R. W. Bro. Smith, P. D. D. G. M.

Peterboro Lodge, No. 155, Peterboro: I visited this lodge at regular meeting May 4th and found a grand turnout to greet the D. D. G. M. The three degrees were worked and done so correctly that I can but echo the words of the M. W. the Grand Master in reference to Corinthian lodge that the work was done in "a perfect manner."

Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood: My official visit to this lodge was paid on Monday, March 5th, when I was accompanied by W. Bro. Kelly and Bro. C. Boyce, of Clementi lodge. Here I found a large attendance, but no special work on hand. The W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Ford is one who has done yeoman service for his lodge, having been elected to the Mastership on several occasions. The lodge was opened and closed in the first, second and third degrees in usual form, but I recommended a change in the mode of balloting for candidates

in vogue in the lodge. The work of the lodge was performed in a satisfactory manner.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield: I paid my official visit to my mother lodge on May 1st. There was a grand turnout of members and visitors and a considerable amount of work was done, there being work in all three degrees. This was performed in a highly satisfactory manner by the W. M. and his officers. Masonry is progressing here, and all we have to complain of is that the lodge room is too small for present requirements of the members.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono: I visited this lodge on April 5th and found the members ready to extend a hearty greeting to the D. D. G. M. There was a good turnout at the regular meeting, but no work. The officers opened up, however, in the three degrees, and did their work in a creditable manner. I found officers and members alike anxious to advance the cause of Masonry, and I have not the least doubt but that Orono lodge will report good progress in the near future. An encouraging feature in connection with this lodge is that the members claim to have paid their full share to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Keene Lodge, No. 374. Keene: Accompanied by W. Bro. R. Q. Dench I visited this lodge on February 8th. This lodge, despite its small membership is doing good work, and I was greatly pleased with its quality. The I. P. M. performed the work of initiating a candidate, and V. W. Bro. McNeil of raising two candidates to the sublime degree, both in a very satisfactory manner. V. W. Bro. McNeil is a host in himself and a man on whom the lodge can rely in any emergency.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee: I visited this lodge on February 5th. On this my first official visit I was accompanied by W. Bro. Wesley Sherin, W. Bro. William Graham, and Bros. Bygott and Webster from Clementi Lodge. We drove over to Omemee, where he brethren gave us a most hearty welcome. On our assembling at the lodge room we found a good attendance, considering the size of the membership. There was no special work on hand, but the officers opened and closed in the three degrees and the work was done well. I am glad to be able to report that the financial difficulties which have beset this lodge in the past have now been

overcome, and the future looks bright for Lorne lodge. The lodge has paid nothing to the Semi-Centennial Fund so far, but I fully believe that it will do all it can in this respect, as the officers and members seem to take great interest in the work.

Havelock Lodge, No. 435, Havelock: I paid my official visit to this lodge on February 9th, accompanied by W. Bro. J. R. Frazer, W. Bro. T. W. Leggatt and Bro. J. W. Bygott, of Clementi Lodge. The special work consisted of one initiation and two raisings. The initiation was nicely performed by the W. M., W. B. Knewasser, assisted by his officers. The work in the third degree in this lodge is done in a different manner to that in vogue in most of the lodges in the district, and I do not think it is an improvement. The brethren, however, are all enthusiastic in their work. So far they have done nothing towards contributing to the Semi-Centennial Fund, but are now going at the work with a will, and I am sure will give a good account of themselves in the near future.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN HULL, D. D. G. M.,
Otonabee District No. 20.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Otonabee District, No. 20, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906.

EASTERN DISTRICT NO. 21.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor of submitting my report on the condition and progress of Masonry in this district for the past year. I wish first to express my deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by selecting me to fill this responsible and honorable position of D. D. G. M., and of the utmost kindness and courtesy shown to me by all the officers and brethren throughout the district during my term of office. At all times I was well received and hospitably entertained, but, following the instructions of the Grand Secretary I shall make my report as brief as possible and refrain from giving these details.

First, I appointed W. Bro. H. P. D. Evans, of Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, District Secretary, and I am grateful to him for his services. Later I appointed Bro. Rev. Donald Stewart, of the same lodge, District Chaplain.

On November 30, 1905, a very successful at home and Past Masters lodge was held at Maxville, at which the M. W. the Grand Master was present.

As all lodges in this district hold their elections in December, and as each lodge had received a visit from my predecessor since January, 1905, I did not begin my official visits until February. I am of the opinion that it would be advisable to hold the lodge elections at the close of the Grand Lodge year, and then the D. D. G. M. would have the whole year to pay his visits.

The time has come when mostly every lodge in the district has a spacious, bright, comfortable and well furnished lodge room, and it will not be necessary to make further mention of same.

DEATHS.

I am called on to record the deaths of the following brethren of this district: R. W. Bro. Duncan A. Mac-

donnell, of Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, D. D. G. M. in 1896, died April 11, 1906; R. W. Bro. Ford, an honorary member of Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256 (particulars not reported); Bro. J. J. Empey, of Henderson Lodge, No. 383, died December 11, 1905; William Kennedy, of Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, died December 17, 1905; Bro. S. H. Haycock, of Friendly Brothers Lodge, died January 28, 1906; Bro. MacKenzie Stamp, of Friendly Brothers Lodge, died March 25, 1906; Bros. A. S. Warwick, of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, died April 30, 1906; Bro. G. R. Sipes, of Friendly Brothers Lodge, died June 19, 1906.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

On my official visits and on many other occasions I urged upon the brethren their duty and privilege in connection with this very important matter, and in almost every instance I was encouraged that earnest and successful efforts would be made. Results, however, are not as favorable as I had anticipated, although I have been assured that some of the lodges will do better.

VISITS.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet: Visited on February 5, 1906, at a regular meeting. There was a large attendance; several of the members had come a distance of eighteen miles on a cold night. For the past two or three years this lodge had been laboring under difficulties, its membership was small and scattered, and its lodge room poor. The lodge and the members grasped the situation. Money was raised and the lodge room renovated, and now they have reason to be proud of their quarters. The hall is owned by the lodge and they pay a ground rent of ten dollars per year. This was the first meeting in the renovated hall, and a dispensation had been obtained to instal the officers. This ceremony I performed with the assistance of the Past Masters. The Secretary's, Treasurer's and Auditors' reports and the report of the Board of General Purposes re expenditures on hall were received and adopted and the business was transacted with despatch. V. W. Bro. John Smith is Secretary, and makes a very willing and capable one. His books are well kept and the finances of the lodge are well managed. Much of the credit for

improving the hall, etc., is due to the Secretary. After making a considerable expenditure the lodge makes a fresh start with a clean sheet. All is harmony and enthusiasm, the lodge is growing, and the prospects are much brighter.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill: Visited on February 6, 1906, at a regular meeting. There was a large attendance, including ten Past Masters. The S. W., however, was on the sick list, and did not appear, while the J. W. was unavoidably absent. A third degree candidate was expected, but he disappointed us and did not arrive from the city. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and parts of the work exemplified and discussed. The books are well kept by Bro. Thomas Jamieson; the dues are promptly collected. The initiation fee had recently been raised to \$25.00. The prospects of the lodge are good, the members are zealous and well up in the work. I was very much pleased to meet an old enthusiastic Mason, Colonel Steele, 85 years of age, who was present and addressed the lodge.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria: Visited on February 7, 1906, at a special meeting. A first degree was worked and the W. M. did his part impressively. His support was not as good as it might have been, although there was some excuse, as there had been no work to do. This lodge has been struggling. Unfortunately very many of the members have left the jurisdiction. Some of them have taken dimits while others retain membership without paying dues. At the time of my visit there were 28 members over twelve months in arrears, and the arrearages (exclusive of dues payable December, 1905) amounted to \$374.00. Over \$200.00 of this will probably never be collected. I requested that serious efforts be made to collect arrears and to induce the brethren in arrears to pay up and then to suspend those who are able to pay and will not. The lodge is not strong financially or in membership, but prospects are now becoming brighter. Several good candidates have recently been accepted. The lodge room is poorly furnished and I hope for an improvement. The W. M., W. Bro. John Simpson, and the Secretary, W. Bro. E. H. Tiffany, deserve great credit for their faithful work in the lodge.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, Hawkesbury: Visited on February 8th at a regular meeting. The attendan-

was 23. The candidate did not come and there was no work. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and several points were discussed. All the officers did the work well; the officers and members are enthusiastic and progressive Masons. The books are well kept by Bro. Sherman. The prospects of the lodge are bright. R. W. Bro. Johnston, P. D. D. G. M. of Ottawa District, is a member of this lodge and was present. During my stay in Hawkesbury I was very kindly entertained as the guest of W. Bro. McWaters.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville: Visited on February 9, 1906, at an emergent meeting. The attendance was about twenty. There were no candidates. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and several points were discussed. This lodge is charitably disposed and looks well after the widows and orphans of its deceased members, although the Semi-Centennial Fund did not find the favor I had expected. Bro. D. A. Irvine makes a capable Secretary. His books are in good shape and the dues are promptly collected.

Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales: Visited on April 2, 1906, at an emergent meeting, at which there was a large attendance. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and a third degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. The J. W. also gave his lecture in the first degree accurately and impressively. This is the youngest lodge in the district, but the officers from the W. M. to the junior officers do their work well. W. Bro. F. Warren makes a very capable Secretary, and is successful in keeping the dues well paid up. The prospects of the lodge are good.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster: Visited on April 3rd at a regular meeting. The attendance was small on account of several of the members being absent on the jury, etc. The W. M. conferred a second degree and did his work well, and W. Bro. Nicholson conferred a third degree in an impressive manner. The candidate for the third degree gave his obligation. This lodge does not require the candidate to give his obligation, but several lodges in the district do require it. The junior officers of the lodge might improve in their work. The books are neatly kept by Bro. W. N. McGillis.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall: Visited on April 4, 1906, at a regular meeting, when I was greeted by a

large attendance, the largest during my official visits. R. W. Bro. J. G. Harkness is a member of this lodge and was present. This lodge has a high reputation and is certainly worthy of it. The officers do their work exceedingly well. A second degree was conferred with accuracy and impressiveness, and the floor work was done with precision. This lodge requires the candidate to give his obligation before advancing. V. W. Bro. John Ridley has been Secretary of this lodge for several years and he makes a model Secretary. The books are kept neatly and correctly and the dues are promptly collected, so that there are no arrears. During my visit to Cornwall I was hospitably entertained as the guest of W. Bro. Magwood.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois: Visited on April 5th, at a special meeting held the evening after the regular meeting. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and a first degree was conferred in an accurate and impressive manner. W. Bro. Bouck delivered the lecture and the charge in a well nigh perfect manner. The books are well kept and the arrearages are small. The prospects of the lodge are good.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg: Visited on April 6th at a regular meeting. This lodge has not been growing and the meetings have not been held regularly. The brethren from the town have not been attending very well, and the officers are mostly from outside the town. There was no work to be done, and the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a fair manner. Bro. A. W. Massey makes a faithful and efficient Secretary. The prospects of the lodge are not the best, while there is pulling between the front and back, but with the available material there is no reason why this lodge should not be one of the best. I was very much pleased to have R. W. Bro. C. Rose, P. G. S. W. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, visit the lodge on this occasion.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville: Visited on May 2nd at a regular meeting. There was no work and the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees. This was done well, but the recent changes had not been acquired. Here I had the pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. R. H. Hanes, my immediate predecessor, with a P. D. D. G. M. apron on behalf of the district. R. W. Bro. Hanes made a brief and appropriate reply, thanking the

district. R. W. Bro. Hanes is Secretary, and, needless to say, he makes a very capable one. There has been very little work during the year, but prospects are better. The Masons hold the controlling interest in Fraternity Hall, where they have the lodge room.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester: Visited on May 4th at a regular meeting. There was a large attendance, including the W. M. and J. W. of Chesterville Lodge. The first degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the W. M., ably assisted by his officers. The work was done with precision, accuracy and impressiveness. This lodge has been making remarkable progress since it acquired its present beautiful well furnished hall, and raised its initiation fee to \$25.00. W. Bro. George Johnson is a very efficient and successful Secretary and manages to keep the dues collected.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville: I paid my official visit to this, my own lodge, on May 7th, at a regular meeting. Although the night was unfavorable there was a large attendance. It was very gratifying to me to see the work, an initiation and the openings and closings, so uniformly well done by the W. M. and his officers. I never saw the work better done in the lodge. My only regret is that this lodge has not been able to procure suitable quarters, but there are hopes of realizing this desire before very long. The books of the lodge are well kept, the lodge is strong financially, and the prospects are good.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, Avonmore: Visited on May 8th at a regular meeting. The W. M. had expected to have two initiations, but as neither candidate appeared he conferred two second degrees in a very creditable manner. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and several minor points were brought up and discussed. The Secretary had not been furnished with a complete set of lodge books, but will procure same. This lodge has been growing and its prospects are good.

At the close of the year several brethren of North Williamsburg and vicinity, including five Past Masters, have submitted to me for my report a petition for a new lodge at North Williamsburg, duly recommended by the nearest lodges. After giving this matter my best consideration I have come to the conclusion that it would be in the best interest of Masonry to grant the petition. A lodge

at North Williamsburg would certainly be of great advantage to the Masons there, and I believe that Masonry at Morrisburg, where Excelsior lodge is located, would take on new life. Morrisburg has good material, and, I think, can support a good lodge even if its territorial jurisdiction be thus reduced.

In conclusion I may say that this year has been an exceedingly pleasant one to me, and I return my most sincere thanks for the many kind favors received at the hands of the brethren.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. M. FULTON, D. D. G. M.,
Tastern District No. 21.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table Showing the work done in Eastern District, No. 21, from June 24th, 1905, to June 24th, 1906

No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	M. M.	E. A.	F. C.	A. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Restorations, other causes.	Suspensions.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Decreas'd.	Decreas'd.	Emergency.	Total.	Average attendance of members.	Total of all members.	Amount paid for relief.	In arrears.	Total of all months in arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can. W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	64	4	8	3	5	2	1	5	3	1	13	23	\$10.00	5	\$19.00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	\$300.00		
125	Cornwall	Cornwall	108	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	12	3	15	25.00	3	15.00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	900.00	
142	Exe'sior	Morrisburg	63	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	2	8	19	19	64.00	June 1, '06	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	600.00	
143	Friendly B.	Iroquois	102	1	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	4	17	20	25.00	23	90.00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	400.00	
186	Plautag n't	Lancaster	44	4	2	4	3	2	1	2	1	1	10	4	14	13	9	31.00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	500.00	
207	Farrans Pt.	Lancaster	72	9	2	9	7	4	1	1	1	1	12	13	13	8.00	18	106.50	Jan. 30, '06	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	400.00	
256	Chesterville	Aultsville	69	1	2	1	2	4	1	3	1	1	12	13	15	20	20	77.00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	400.00	
320	Henderson	Win-hester	89	3	1	5	6	9	1	2	1	1	12	2	14	25	22	85.00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	400.00	
418	Maxville	Maxville	94	14	16	14	14	2	1	3	1	1	12	8	20	40.00	3	10.25	June 24, '06	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	500.00	
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	80	6	3	6	4	4	1	3	1	1	14	2	16	24	10	60.00	Dec. 27, '05	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Yes	300.00	
450	Hawkesb'y	Hawkesb'y	47	9	2	9	9	3	1	2	1	1	11	3	14	11	21	307.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	400.00	
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	39	5	1	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	12	15	10	45.00	Dec. 27, '05	Good	Good	Good	Good	Yes	400.00			
458	Wales	Wales	66	3	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	14	22	2	2	2	2	40.50	Dec. 27, '05	In debt	In debt	In debt	In debt	Yes	400.00

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes makes the following recommendations, viz. :

1. That warrants be issued to the following lodges : Gore Bay, No. 472, Gore Bay; The Beaches Lodge, No. 473, Balmy Beach; Victoria Lodge, No. 474, Toronto Junction; Dundurn Lodge, No. 475, Hamilton; Corinthian Lodge, No. 476, North Gower, and Harding Lodge, No. 477, Woodville.

2. That the dispensations granted to Bancroft Lodge, Bancroft; Milverton Lodge, Milverton, and Russell Lodge, Russell, be continued during the ensuing year.

3. The Committee finds that the minute books in several cases have not been as carefully kept as they should be, pages being left blank and the Worshipful Master omitting to sign the confirmation of the minutes in some cases, in others the signature being made in pencil. The Committee considers that in future such irregularities may be deemed sufficient reason to refuse a warrant. In all cases the certificate of the D. D. G. M. should also be furnished showing that the lodge under dispensation has complete regalia and a suitable lodge room.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman.

Toronto, 17th July, 1906.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING
AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the fol-

lowing report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies:

REPORT.

1. The Board of General Purposes, through the Sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies, begs to report that they have examined the undermentioned accounts, and finding the same correct recommend them to the Audit and Finance Committee for payment.

The Spectator Printing Co., of Hamilton, contract work, to June 18, 1906.	\$2,888 78
Less paid on account.	2,000 00
The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, lithographing	785 80
Robt. Duncan & Co., Hamilton, stationery, etc.	119 25
The Howell Lithographing Co., Hamilton, cheque books	36 00
A. C. Turnbull, Hamilton, stationery and supplies	34 39
G. H. Lanigan, Hamilton, binding.	12 00
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Total.	\$1,876 22

2. The Board will endeavor to place the different reports of Grand Lodge in the hands of the brethren as soon as all have been presented by the chairmen of the various sub-committees. These reports, according to the Constitution, can only be received at this session, and will come up for adoption at a later stage. The members of Grand Lodge can therefore be assured that ample time will be afforded every one of perusing the different reports and becoming conversant with the matters dealt with therein.

Fraternally submitted.

J. S. DEWAR,

Chairman P. and S. Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Skinner, a member of the Committee on Audit and Finance:

REPORT.

The Committee of Audit and Finance of the Board of General Purposes have very much pleasure in reporting that they have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and certify to their correctness.

All moneys received by the Grand Secretary have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt for the same has been received by the Grand Secretary. Vouchers have been

produced for the payments made by the Grand Treasurer as authorized by Grand Lodge. The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full statement of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in his office.

The total receipts have been \$34,377 19

The total expenditures are as follows:

General Purposes	\$16,591 63
Benevolence and Semi-Centennial grant	22,110 00
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	38,701 63

Expenditures over receipts 4,324 44

Receipts last year were \$33,011 18

The increase this year being 1,366 01

We have very much pleasure in reporting that the receipts this year have been the largest in the history of this Grand Lodge, which is an indication that the lodges are in better financial standing and adding to their numbers.

The following securities are held by Grand Lodge on the 31st May, 1906:

Brockville Debentures, 4 per cent face value	\$ 3,000 00
Woodstock Debentures, 6 per cent. face value	7,000 00
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., 4 per cent. face value	15,000 00
Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, 4 per cent. face value	20,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Co., 4½ per cent. face value	15,000 00
Canada Savings & Loan Co., 4½ per cent. face value	5,000 00
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., 4½ per cent. face value	5,000 00
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., 4½ per cent. face value	15,000 00
City of Brantford, 4 per cent. face value	8,000 00
City of St. Thomas School, 4 per cent. face value	12,148 50
City of Toronto, 3½ per cent. face value	4,866 66
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Netting Grand Lodge, 4.05 per cent.	110,015 16
Balance at credit of current account in Canadian bank of Commerce May 31, 1906	\$3298 92
Less cheques outstanding	1470 00
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	\$111,844 08

We have much pleasure in reporting that the Semi-Centennial funds at this date amount to \$30,389.29, being an increase over last year of \$9,539.30.

We regret that funds for this very worthy object are not being paid over as promptly as they should be. If the whole amount was in the hands of the Grand Lodge the amount of good that could be accomplished would be greatly increased. The Board hope that next year will see the whole amount paid over, and that the ability of Grand Lodge to carry out this undertaking may be proven to the world.

The Board recommends payment of the following accounts, viz. :

Committee on Foreign Correspondence	150 00
Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals, 1906-07.	1,000 00
Premium on Grand Secretary's Bond	12 50
General Masonic Relief Association Subscription	
Benevolent Grants, 34,965 members at ½ cent each	174 82

Benevolent Grants	\$18,975 00
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The Committee on Printing and supplies report that the following accounts are correct, and the Board recommends their payment :

Copp, Clark Co., certificates and warrants	\$ 785 80
Spectator Printing Co., contract	\$2,888 78
Less paid on account	2,000 00
	888 78
The Robert Duncan Co., stationery	119 25
A. C. Turnbull, stationery	34 39
The Howell Lithographing. Co.	36 00
G. H. Lanigan, binding returns	12 00
The Bell Telephone Co.	28 50
	\$1,904 72

The Board further recommends the payment to R. W. Bro. Nixon for attendance at the Benevolent Committee, \$15.00 ; also to R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Auditor's fees in full, \$300.00.

The Board have inspected the bond of the Grand Secretary issued by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., of Baltimore ; same is drawn on a special and approved form for the sum of \$5,000.00, and authorizes the Grand Master for the time being to fully represent Grand Lodge in renewing same. The bond is in the custody of the Grand Treasurer.

The Board recommends that the sum of \$750.00 per annum be paid to the Inspector of Benevolent Grants on the same terms and conditions as reported in 1905.

Securities held by Grand Lodge on 31st May, 1906, on account of the Semi-Centennial funds were as follows :

City of Toronto Debenture, 4 per cent	\$ 5,000 00
City of Woodstock Debenture, 4 per cent	4,000 00
City of Ottawa Debenture, 4 per cent	10,000 00
City of Peterboro Debenture, 4 per cent	2,000 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall stock	100 00

\$21,100 00

Accrued interest on Toronto Debentures	\$ 84 47
Premium on Woodstock Debentures	240 00
Accrued interest on Debentures	56 22
Accrued interest on Peterboro Debentures	16 27
Premium on Ottawa Debentures	529 00

925 96

Less—

Discount on Toronto Debentures	169 50	
Discount on Peterboro Debentures	306 80	
	—	476 30
		449 66
Balance at credit of current account :		
Canadian Bank of Commerce. May 31st, 1906	3,814 83	
Paid in since May 31st	5,024 80	
	—	\$30,389 29

Fraternally submitted.

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

Toronto, Ont., July 16th, 1906.

To the President and Members of the Board of General Purposes :

R. W. Sir and Brethren :

I beg to report that I have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer for the year ended May 31st, 1906, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and I hereby certify to their correctness.

I have made monthly reports to the M. W. the Grand Master and the President of the Board on the receipts of the Grand Secretary and the disposal thereof. All moneys received have been promptly deposited in the bank to the credit of the Grand Treasurer and all payments have been made by cheques signed by the proper officers, viz., the President of the Board, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

An abstract of the receipts and expenditure of Grand Lodge for the year was prepared and certified by me as correct and mailed to each lodge and to the members of the Board on June 15th, 1906.

In conjunction with the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer I examined the securities belonging to Grand Lodge in the safety deposit vault of the Toronto General Trusts Company on June 4th, 1906, and found them complete with all unpaid coupons attached.

The face value of said certificates is as follows, and agrees with the Treasurer's balance sheets, viz.:

Grand Lodge general account	\$110,015 16
Semi-Centennial Fund account	21,000 00

I have examined the Grand Secretary's report as regards statements of receipts and expenditure, also the Grand Treasurer's reports on general account and on Semi-Centennial Fund account, and have certified to their correctness.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN,
Auditor.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. J. Skinner, and

Resolved, That the report of Audit and Finance be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence:

REPORT.

Toronto, July 18, 1906.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to report as follows:

Since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge seventeen interim grants have been made by the Chairman of the Committee, amounting to the sum of \$775.00. By this means it has again been possible to extend temporary relief in extreme cases in which great hardships might have been experienced by the applicants if no such means of relief were provided. The adoption of this regulation some years ago has been of very great benefit in relieving the necessities of our brethren or their relatives at times when unforeseen trouble has overtaken them.

The action taken by Grand Lodge last year in making a special appropriation of fifty per cent. on the regular grants to all beneficiaries, in order to mark the Semi-Centennial of Grand Lodge, has been most acceptable to them and has been greatly appreciated.

The Board, having in view the authority given last year, to increase the maximum amounts of grants to brethren to \$150.00 and to relatives to \$100.00, and also taking cognizance of the increasing revenue of Grand Lodge, has taken great pleasure in recommending substantial increases to many of the beneficiaries, being careful, as far as possible, to give the increases to those applicants who are most in need of them and most deserving. The Board feels that the increasing revenue should be largely devoted to this purpose and that this action will meet with the hearty approbation of Grand Lodge. The aggregate increase in the amount recommended for benevolence grants owing to these increases is about \$4,000.00.

If the receipts and the expenditure on general account for the ensuing year be estimated at about the same figures as those of the past year, the increased aggregate to be granted at this session will cause an encroachment on the capital account of about \$1,000.00. The Board, however, has no hesitation in recommending the increase, knowing that every dollar of it is needed by the unfortunates whose wants so strongly appeal to our hearts, and for whose necessities there is urgent need for even greater allowances in many of the most needy cases.

The Committee has received, at this present meeting of Grand Lodge, 344 applications for relief, 14 of which have been refused, and recommends that the following grants for the current year be made, viz.:

162 grants through Local Boards of Relief	\$ 7,700 00
168 grants through lodges	10,300 00

Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge :

Mrs. W. M. Wilson	\$300 00
Mrs. T. D. Harrington	300 00
Miss Mary Wilson	300 00
Miss M. H. Harris	75 00
	975 00

Total amount of grants made at this Annual Communication	\$18,975 00
Grant made by the Grand Master for sufferers by the California disaster	1,000 00
Interim grants made by the Chairman of the Committee during the past year	775 00

Total grants for the year \$20,750 00

The grants made by lodges during the year, as shown by the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports amount in the aggregate to \$16,855.00.

In accordance with the rules on benevolence (to which the attention of the lodge officers is cordially invited), cheques will not be issued for grants made through the following lodges until they have made proper returns showing the disposal made of the last year's grants and the amount of local aid given by the said lodges. The lodges referred to, who have not made returns, are : Numbers 2, 9, 39, 48, 56, 57, 68, 74, 84, 90, 96, 99, 120, 127, 129, 137, 141, 159, 165, 222, 230, 237, 238, 254, 303, 314, 327, 334, 348, 377, 388, 401, 409, 427, 432.

The Board recommends that all new applications, and such applications for renewals of grants as the Committee may direct, shall be investigated by the inspector, and that cheques therefor be withheld until favorably reported on, or cancelled if the report is adverse.

The Board has learned with great pleasure that the M. W. the Grand Master gave instructions in May last that a contribution of \$1,000.00 be made out of Grand Lodge funds for the relief of the distress caused by earthquake and fire in the State of California, and desires to express hearty approval of his prompt action.

The Board contemplates, with gratification and thankfulness to the G. A. O. T. U., the increased means at the disposal of Grand Lodge for the assistance of those who are in sickness or distress, and feels that we should ever be mindful of our duty and privilege in providing for our unfortunate brethren, their widows and families, out of the abundance which has been showered upon us.

Fraternally submitted.

R. L. GUNN,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry:

REPORT.

The Board has perused and considered the reports of the twenty-two District Deputy Grand Masters, who during the year just closed represented the Grand Master in the twenty-two districts into which, for purposes of visitation and inspection this Grand Jurisdiction is divided.

The Board is pleased to find that every lodge on the roll of this Grand Lodge has received a visit from a representative of the Grand Master. This is the state of things that Grand Lodge has aimed to bring about, and it is very satisfactory to find that for three years in succession practically every lodge has been inspected.

The Board feels bound once again to bear testimony to the energy and care displayed by the twenty-two District Deputies, who have had the several districts in charge. They one and all have realized that the duties of their positions are too important to be treated in a perfunctory manner, and have performed everything they were obligated to do when they were selected by their brethren, and endorsed and approved by the Grand Master. As has been said before, the officer who represents the Grand Master and becomes the embodiment of his wisdom and authority in even the smallest of the Districts has serious labor and great responsibilities imposed upon him. He is called upon to sacrifice his time and comforts in paying even the ordinary visits of inspection, and this without money and without price. It is true that where peace and harmony reigns, and he is not a target for too many questions, his pathway is among the flowers. Unfortunately this is not always the case, and sometimes he is depressed and sick at heart at the bitterness he sees displayed. It happens too that when he tries to bring back harmony and good understanding his motives are criticized and he is the victim of sneers and inuendoes; fortunately this rarely happens in our jurisdiction, but when it does occur the District Deputies have always been found intelligent, courageous, and patient. Bearing in mind that the position of District Deputy is not a bed of roses, and that next to the Grand Master he is all powerful in his district, the Board would urge upon the brethren the importance of selecting only strong men well armed for such positions.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters for the past year are very satisfactory reading, evidencing as they do the almost perfect harmony that exists throughout the whole jurisdiction. In only one or two lodges out of some 400 is there any disturbance of Masonic serenity, a state of affairs of which we may well feel proud.

The growth of the order numerically has been even greater than that of last year, and on the whole the material is thought to be such as will not reflect discredit on the craft.

Almost universally, too, the landmarks have been kept intact, the regulations observed and the practice of kindness and brotherly love has prevailed.

The Board regrets that owing to the absence of the statistical returns for three or four districts, it is not able to deal in detail with the numerical increases and decreases. The Board has heretofore endeavored to do this carefully, as it is important to tabulate the figures, where they can be readily found. The Board is able, however, to say that the initiations will probably exceed three thousand and the net gain in membership, deducting resignations, deaths, etc., will be in the neighborhood of two thousand five hundred. These figures demonstrate clearly and forcibly the hold our beloved order has on the youth and intelligence of this fair Province of Ontario.

The Board cannot part from this matter without again pressing home upon the Masters of Lodges and brethren the necessity for great care in the selection of material. Some District Deputies have expressed fears that laxity exists, where enormous additions have been made to the strength of a lodge. We must never forget that it is a great privilege to belong to an institution which has the Sovereign for its patron and many other crowned heads among its membership. Truly one is not a Freemason for nothing, but unless the order continues to be the home of God-fearing, honorable men, bound together by ties of affectionate regard, rigidly excluding the thoughtless, the dishonest and the profane, it will not stand the test of the age we are entering upon. The wise course will be to shut the door even tighter rather than open it wider. The Board begs the craft to bear in mind more strongly than ever before that it is not the number of Masons you make, but rather quality and character that will count in strengthening this ancient and honorable fraternity. Let lodges be sure they know all about an applicant before his name goes to the ballot.

The work is reported to be well and intelligently performed in every lodge, which is another goal aimed at by Grand Lodge, and is very satisfactory reading. There are still, however, a few Masters reported unable to work the degrees. This blot should be wiped out, and to this end the attention of installing officers is called to their duty in the premises. They should require a certificate from the Examining Board as to the Master-elect's ability to do the work before placing him in the chair of King Solomon.

The financial state of the lodges and their standing and prospects are all favorably reported upon. One or two Dis-

trict Deputy Grand Masters complain that the Treasurers do not produce their books for inspection. Although it would be manifestly impossible for the officer to audit the books, they should be in the lodge so that he could see how they were kept, and Masters should instruct their Treasurers to this effect.

The Board urges upon Masters and lays it down as important that Secretaries and Treasurers should both be put under bonds for the due accounting for monies. Large sums pass through the hands of Secretaries, and the Board thinks the cost to the lodge of bonding both these officers would be money well spent.

The secretarial work is reported to be accurately and intelligently performed. The importance of keeping accurate records is not to be over-estimated. Every lodge should have its history written up when it becomes old enough to have a history, and when this comes to be done the value of full and accurate records will be appreciated. The Board is of opinion that the best results will be obtained by the employment of an intelligent Past Master at a reasonable remuneration as permanent Secretary. The lodges almost universally have adopted the precaution of insuring their property. But an occasional lodge is reported to have neglected this plain duty. This year the moral is again pointed, as two or three lodges lost all their assets by fire and had no insurance. The attention of the District Deputy Grand Masters is again called to the very large number of brethren reported in arrears for dues and the very serious amount of money outstanding. The Board has time and again called attention to this matter and pointed out the remedy. Those who are able should be made to pay, those who are not should be forgiven and the arrears wiped out. The Board suggest that District Deputy Grand Masters shall make a special effort this year to reduce the evil referred to.

The Board is pleased to report that Lodges of Instruction were held in five districts. They were all largely attended, and the effects of the association and emulation incident to the holding of them is favorably commented upon by the D. D. G. M's who were energetic enough to arrange for them. It is the express desire of Grand Lodge that a lodge of instruction shall be held in each district every year, and the Board calls the attention of the incoming D. D. G. M's to the obligation resting upon them to see Grand Lodge's directions carried into effect.

The Board is pleased to record the fact that many lodges attended divine services clothed as Masons. Large turnouts took place in the city of Ottawa and the city of Toronto on St. John's Day. The duty of praising God for His mercies ought not to be neglected by a body, the very breath of whose existence is the worship of Him who created the world and all that in there is. The Board commends those D. D. G. M's who arranged for church services, and hopes their good example will be largely followed during the coming year.

The practice of delivering lectures upon Masonic matters has almost disappeared from our lodges. This should not be,

as there are many important questions of interest which could be treated in short lectures as time permitted.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show that they have persistently and energetically endeavored to carry out the wishes of Grand Lodge in respect of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. Every report contains a reference to this fund and the efforts made to interest the brethren and the lodges in its success. Belief is expressed that the question is alive in the lodges and that further considerable subscriptions will be made. The general question of what has been done and what may yet be done in this connection will be dealt with by the committee in charge, but your Board regrets that so far the response has not been more generous. The small individual contributions asked for, the comfort and blessings that might be distributed to the weak and helpless from such a fund ought to ensure liberal contributions to it, and yet the fact remains that very few lodges have done their full duty in the premises. We are so constantly talking about our charity that when the opportunity was given better things might have been looked for.

The Benevolence of Grand Lodge has been liberal according to its means, and intelligently disbursed, the merits of each case being investigated and considered by the Committee on Benevolence. The amount distributed by Grand Lodge was \$20,750.00, and the amount contributed by private lodges to those under their charge was \$16,855.00, making the total expenditure for benevolence to be \$37,855.00.

The Board congratulates the craft upon the credit and prosperity that attaches to it in this great and intelligent Province of our fair Dominion. The deeds of kindness and brotherly love that emanate from every Masonic lodge are evidences of the principles of the order. Let us endeavor to increase our standing by increasing our deeds of kindness to those in sickness and need. Almighty God has greatly blessed and prospered us in our fifty years of existence; let us testify our gratitude by aiding His helpless creatures and walking before him in honor and in truth.

Fraternally submitted.

AUBREY WHITE,
Chairman of Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, Chairman of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead:

REPORT.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead beg to report that it is once more their sad duty to mark the absence and to put on record the names of those whose kindly faces we so sadly miss, and whose places amongst us must be by others filled. Yet so must it ever be. As annually we meet, the roll call, perhaps a silent one, shows us the vacant places in our lines which new forms and fresh faces must fill in order that we may carry on the work which should be our chiefest care.

During the past year many have been called away, loving hearts have been well nigh broken, and, in many cases, the widows and orphans of our brethren have been left to us as sacred legacies of trust. Should we not see to it that those dear ones shall amidst all their grief, find some sunshine in our loving care, and shall thank God daily, though with brimming eyes, that those whom they have lost were Freemasons, and so bound to us by a tie which the grisly tyrant himself is powerless to break or to loose.

Were this present existence the end of all things how unsatisfying and hopeless a thing life would be. Our present meetings, to which we now look forward with keenest pleasure from year to year, giving, as they do, rich promise of the renewal of true friendships, with the warm hand clasp, the answering look and smile from those whom the passing years have drawn ever closer to us, would be more or less dead sea fruit, turning to ashes in our mouths, for the scarce closed graves of our friends would yawn between us and happiness, the shadow of an everlasting parting would cloud our brightest moments. Thank God we Masons can look boldly beyond an ever fleeing present to an unchangeable future, and can in very truth confidently cry with one of old, "Death is swallowed up in victory."

Science tells us that nothing in nature is lost, nothing really dies, but that each atom does but enter into some new and wonderful combination, playing its many parts in the kaleidoscopic changes which forever go on around us. And in this truth we Masons read a deepest significance ; we know that the body itself of him whose race has been valiantly run shall one day rise in triumph to claim forever its animating soul when "this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality"; were it not so the air would be

"Full of farewells to the dying,
And mournings for the dead."

But in still another sense we know that whilst yet the body lies slowly resolving itself to its mother earth a man lives on by force of his teaching, his examples, his life, and his consequent influence on others, and that it is indeed true that, even in this world, men never die. But if the thought brings comfort it is weighted with heavy responsibility. True it is that in a double sense

"The evil that men do lives after them";

lives in those whom they have tempted, endures in those who have been led astray by the specious glamor of a false life, lives on—to eternity it may be—in some other life which they may, by teaching or example, have lured into the primrose path that leads to ruin and to death.

Nay, brother Masons, Cain's dread question, "Am I my brother's keeper," has been answered once and for all of us. No one can live unto himself or for himself alone. We are, in the fullest sense, our brother's keeper, and this is the all-important truth which our annual tribute to our sleeping brethren should ever teach us. Have they wronged us, forget it, and see that we in our turn wrong not others; have they made partial shipwreck of their lives, let us avoid the treacherous sands, the luring currents, the hidden rocks on which their barks went down; have they left a stainless record of unfaltering trust in God and unselfish work for man, may we not follow in their steps, emulating their virtues, and striving each of us to

"Climb still higher in the way they trod,
To gaze with awe on th' unveiled face of God."

For let us remember that

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

Though we hear no answer from the limitless ocean on which they have set sail, yet will the name of each brother as it is spoken find sad echo in some hearts which loved him well.

And first, Grand Lodge has suffered a very severe loss in the death of P. G. M. Richard T. Walkem, K. C., whose genial presence was welcomed by us all just one year ago, and whose absence we now so sincerely mourn. Besides his high position as a Mason he had taken a prominent part in the public life of his city and of his well loved country. He was a prominent and valued figure in the councils of his church, and was always ready to take his share in any charitable or benevolent work. Gifted with a logical mind and a clear, strong intellect, he was a resolute and fearless champion of what he believed to be right. In brief, the verdict of those who knew him best is that "Duty was ever the law of his being." A life of such wide usefulness, so full of true manhood, needs no eulogy. Yet we shall miss his quiet dignity, his wise counsel, his ripe judgment, his kindly consideration for those who differed from him, and, most of all

"The best portion of a good man's life,
His little, nameless, well remembered acts
Of kindness and of love."

We pay to his memory the honors to which a life, so long, so useful and so honorable, and a devotion to Masonry so entire, has entitled it.

R. W. Bro. Isaac P. Wilson, P. D. D. G. M., Merritt Nodge, No. 168, Welland, died November 30, 1805.

R. W. Bro. Geo. Gott, P. D. D. G. M., Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg, died August 28, 1905. The oldest P. D. D. G. M. in the district and probably the oldest Mason.

R. W. Bro. T. F. Smith, P. D. D. G. M. Wellington District No. 7, Irving Lodge No. 203, Elora, died October 21, 1905.

R. W. Bro. John McLaren, P. D. D. G. M. Wellington District No. 7, Harris Lodge No. 216, Orangeville, died February 18th, 1906.

R. W. Bro. R. W. Barker, P. G. S. W., Ionic Lodge No. 25, died August 6, 1905.

R. W. Bro. J. J. Thompson, St. George Lodge No. 367, died January 12, 1906. His sudden death came as a great shock to his many friends.

R. W. Bro. Duncan A. MacDonell, Friendly Brothers Lodge No. 143. P. D. D. G. M. of old St. Lawrence District, who, as a soldier of the empire, served with distinction in Egypt and South Africa.

R. W. Bro. Ford, Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256.

R. W. Bro. John Boyd, Belmont Lodge, No. 190.

R. W. Bro. J. H. Widdifield, P. D. D. G. M., who died suddenly of apoplexy. He was well known as a leading politician, and his warm hearted and sympathetic geniality won for him hosts of friends.

R. W. Bro. Fred Walters, Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton. P. D. D. G. M.

V. W. Bro. Richard Johnstone, Blair Lodge No. 134, Palmerston, died June 12, 1906.

V. W. Bro. Hugh Wright, Seven Star Lodge, Alliston. One of the oldest members of Grand Lodge.

V. W. Bro. J. McL. Stevenson, Kerr Lodge No. 230, Barrie. A pioneer in Masonry and a very old member of Grand Lodge.

V. W. Bro. James Wilson, Zetland Lodge No. 326.

V. W. Bro. Wm. Walker, Harmony Lodge No. 438.

V. W. Bro. W. Spence, Fidelity Lodge No. 428, Port Perry. A wholesouled man and Mason.

V. W. Bro. A. A. Henderson, Chaudiere Lodge No. 264.

V. W. Bro. John Erskine, St. John's Lodge.

V. W. Bro. E. W. Harding, St. James Lodge No. 73, St. Mary's, died October 29, 1905.

V. W. Bro. Chas. A. Sippi, M. D., Kilwinning Lodge No. 64, London.

V. W. Bro. Jas. Adams, Minden Lodge No. 253. Kingston.

A long sad list of our brethren who have fallen as leaves that are loosened from the tree, but the tree of Masonry loses none of its life and vigor by the falling of its leaves; rather is the world better for the lives of our brethren as the earth is enriched by the leaves that sink into its waiting bosom.

Shall we forget those whom soon we must ourselves follow into the dread unknown? Forget them! Rather "if for a moment their weaknesses and foibles claimed audience, let us now forget these. Are they indeed weaknesses? Are they not rather but tendrils which Mother Nature gives us at our

birth to make us kin, lest pride should part us, just as a common mortality links us all into one brotherhood of the dust ? Forget them ! Nay, rather let us treasure their memory in the innermost chamber of our hearts, strewn with forget-me-nots. Let us remember—and copy—their virtues, their kindly words and well-remembered deeds, their sympathy in sorrow, their wealth of gladness in brighter times. Let us read aright the lesson in the beauty of their lives ; and now that Death, with his magic brush has added the finishing touches, we may, across the abyss of the dark valley, see them ever facing our approach as we too push forward in feeble emulation of the glorious race they ran, ever waiting to welcome us as we in our turn, tremblingly yet hopefully, seek admission within the portals of the Grand Lodge above. So, my brothers,

“ When the Angel of the darker drink
 At last shall find you by the river’s brink
 And offering his cup invites your soul
 Forth to your lips to quaff—you shall not shrink.

Why if the soul can fling the dust aside
 And naked on the air of Heaven ride,
 Wer’t not a shame—wer’t not a shame for him
 In this clay carcass crippled to abide ?”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. MORGAN, Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which on motion of R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, was received and ordered to be printed in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following special report :

REPORT.

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present the following special report :

An application for recognition has been received from the newly formed Grand Lodge of Alberta.

After some preliminary proceedings a convention was held at Calgary on the 12th day of October, 1905, at which the Grand Lodge of Alberta was formally constituted. A Constitution was adopted and officers were elected and installed in due form.

The consent of the Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba was evidenced by the presence of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, who installed the officers.

The lodges composing the new Grand Lodge are 18 in number, all holding charters from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and 17 were represented at the convention.

The membership is about 1,200.

M. W. Bro. George Macdonald, M. D., of Calgary, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop, of Calgary, Grand Secretary.

All the proceedings appear to have been regular, and your Committee have much pleasure in recommending that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, with best wishes for their progress and prosperity.

The application of Queensland was laid over last year. Since then this new Grand Lodge has given ample evidence of its ability to maintain itself with credit to the craft. The necessity of having a governing body to correct the numerous evils arising from rival institutions was clearly manifested, and the benefits will be equally in evidence in the future.

Your Committee recommend that the Grand Lodge of Queensland be recognized and that representatives be exchanged.

Fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, and

Resolved, That the Special Report of the Board on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which upon motion was ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson:

REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M., in Ontario :

The Sub-Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report as follows :

1. In the matter of certain charges made by W. Bro. W. J. Jones, I. P. M., against R. W. Bro. John Watson, W. M., and certain other officers of Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, G. R. C., Toronto. This case was dealt with by a commission appointed by M. W. the Grand Master, consisting of M. W. Bro. Malone, K. C., R. W. Bros. F. W. Harcourt, E. B. Brown, E. J. B. Duncan and E. M. Carleton. The case was patiently investigated by the commission, evidence covering over 140 type-written pages was taken and the commission reported to the Grand Master. The Grand Master, by his judgment in the case, concurred in the finding of the commission, and suspended until this meeting of Grand Lodge the W. M., W. Bro. John Watson; the Senior Warden, Bro. Edward Apted; the Secretary, W. Bro. George Wilson; the Treasurer, W. Bro. Joseph Leake, and the Senior Deason, Bro. Edwin Robinson. The charges consisted of, among other things, excluding three fellowcrafts from the lodge by raising the lodge to the third degree out of the ordinary routine of business, refusing to admit a large number of members waiting in the ante-room and desiring admission, distributing and using marked ballots by means of which secrecy of ballot was violated, and declaring ballot in favor of candidates while the ballot was in fact not clear. R. W. Bro. Watson and the officers already named appealed to Grand Lodge from the judgment or decision of the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Watson basing his appeal mainly on the ground that the decisions against him were against evidence and the weight of evidence, while the other appellants submitted that the complained of proceedings of the lodge at the meeting in question were conducted for the best interests of the lodge and Masonry in general, but based their appeal on the ground that no charge had been made against them, and that they had not been placed upon trial for any offence charged against them, but that they were found guilty on evidence taken in the trial of R. W. Bro. Watson, at which they appeared as witnesses. In hearing the appeal counsel for the appellants urged very strongly that so far as the appellants other than R. W. Bro. Watson were concerned, there had been no definite or specific charges and that the proceedings against them were irregular and unfair, inasmuch as they were not individually put upon their defence of specific charges against them individually. The committee recommend that the suspensions of R. W. Bro. John Watson Bro. Edward Apted, W. Bro. George Wilson, W. Bro. Joseph Leake and Bro. Edwin Robinson be continued till the cases shall have been dealt with at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, and that the Junior Warden be also suspended for the same time, and that in the meantime specific charges be preferred against the said brethren other than the W. M. and also against the Junior Warden, and that the same

be investigated by such a commission as the Grand Master may appoint, and that in the matter of the charges against R. W. Bro. John Watson further evidence be allowed to be brought forward either against him or on his behalf. The Committee recommend that a dispensation be issued for the election and appointment of new officers instead of the brethren so suspended, and if necessary that the offices held by them be declared vacant, and that such new election be conducted under the direction of the D. D. G. M. having jurisdiction over said lodge. The Committee further recommend that with regard to the whole case and all questions involved the Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized to exercise all power and authority in the same way and to the same extent as if the matter had not come before Grand Lodge, but were still under his advisement and control.

2. Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford, vs. Bro. W. A. Black. Unmasonic conduct and misdemeanors involving moral turpitude and wronging Masons by fraud and misappropriating lodge funds to the extent of \$100. The case was regularly tried by the lodge and the brother found guilty and sentenced to indefinite suspension with recommendation to Grand Lodge for expulsion. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge it was ordered that Bro. Black be summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft for said offence. He has not appeared or communicated in any way with the Grand Secretary or any other officer of Grand Lodge, and as the offence of which he has been convicted merits expulsion the Board recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for the said offence.

3. Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto, vs. Lachlan Truman Locheed. Unmasonic conduct, desertion of wife and family, and adultery. The evidence was taken by a committee of Georgina lodge and the defendant heard in his own behalf. The charges were sustained, and on 3rd September, 1904, the brother was unanimously suspended indefinitely and the recommendation made to Grand Lodge for his expulsion. No appeal was made on his behalf, and at the last meeting of Grand Lodge it was declared that he should be summoned to show cause at the next annual communication why he should not be expelled from the Craft for the said offence. He has not appeared or communicated in any way with the Grand Secretary or any other officer of Grand Lodge, and as the offences of which he has been convicted merit expulsion the Board recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for the said offences.

4. King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland, vs. Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry. Invasion of jurisdiction by Fidelity Lodge initiating three candidates claimed to belong to jurisdiction of King Edward Lodge, No. 464, of Sunderland. The facts are fully set forth in the report of the committee of last year on Grievances and Appeals, but action was deferred inasmuch as it was said that negotiations for a settlement were then pending. No settlement having taken place, the committee recommend that as the three brethren whose initiations by Fidelity lodge are complained of were undoubtedly

within the jurisdiction of King Edward Lodge, of Sunderland, the fees for their initiation be paid over by Fidelity Lodge to King Edward Lodge.

Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, vs. Washington Lodge, No. 260. Complaint by Petrolia Lodge against Washington Lodge for receiving an application from and initiating a candidate who had not resided within the jurisdiction of either lodge the necessary one year, and after warning by the secretary of Petrolia lodge that there was a want of residence qualification. The Grand Master appointed a commission to investigate the charges, find the facts and report. the commission consisting of R. W. Bro. Cornell, chairman; R. W. Bros. D. F. Macwatt and Alexander Saunders, P. D. D. G. M's. The commission found that the initiation took place in the face of a letter from the Grand Secretary dated 7th November, 1905, containing the Grand Master's ruling against the candidate's residential qualification, and the warning of Bro. Smith, Secretary of Petrolia lodge. It would seem that the papers in the case that W. Bro. Read, the Master of Washington lodge, considered that the Constitution, prior to the amendments now contained therein respecting residence of candidates, which he seemed to be ignorant of, warranted him in differing from the Grand Master and ignoring his ruling, though the committee are of opinion that under the old clauses of the Constitution, as well as in their present form, it could not reasonably be contended that the candidate had the year's residence in Petrolia qualifying him for candidature for membership of a lodge there. He had been employed at Port Huron, Michigan, between two and three years, and thereafter was employed at St. Thomas from 6th June, 1904, until 21st July, 1905, not residing during all this time at Petrolia, but coming home occasionally for a visit. No matter how strong the W. M's opinion may have been as to the correct interpretation of the Constitution, his insubordination in deliberately ignoring the Grand Master's ruling calls for an expression of severe disapproval. The Grand Master suspended W. Bro. Read, the W. M. of Washington Lodge, until this meeting of Grand Lodge. The committee consider they are taking a lenient view of the case when they recommend, as they do, that this suspension be approved of and that it be continued till 1st January, 1907.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. M. GIBSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, and

Resolved, That the report on Grievances and Appeals be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. W. R. White:

REPORT ON THE NOTICES OF MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report as follows:

Notice 1, by R. W. Bro. J. K. Bryden. This can be considered if Grand Lodge thinks it wise to make an exception in the case of an individual lodge.

Notices 2 and 7, inclusive, by R. W. Bro. W. Geo. Eakins. These proposed amendments are simply clerical and can properly be considered by Grand Lodge.

Notice 8, by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson. The subject matter of this notice is exactly the same as the amendments sought to be introduced in the Constitution adopted by Grand Lodge at its last communication as will be seen by reference to pages 448 and 463 of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1905, and therefore comes under clause 45 of the Constitution and can only be considered upon motion of Grand Lodge carried by two-thirds majority.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. R. WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the report be adopted.

GRAND LODGE REGALIA.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. William Gibson, and

Resolved, That Grand Lodge purchase a new set of regalia.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 9.30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, July 19th, 1906.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10 a. m.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved. That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE BOARD OF
GENERAL PURPOSES ON AUDIT AND
FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following supplementary report on Audit and Finance, which was read by R. W. Bro. F. J. Skinner:

REPORT.

The Committee on Audit and Finance beg to present the following supplementary report:

In accordance with the resolution passed by the Board of General Purposes we recommend the payment of two hundred dollars to R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins for his labors in preparing the index to the amended Constitution, of which committee he was chairman. The index is the best ever prepared for a similar purpose, being complete in every respect, and reflects credit upon R. W. Bro. Eakins, whose sole work it was.

Fraternally submitted.

GEO S. MAY,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. J. Skinner, and

Resolved, That the supplementary report on Audit and Finance be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board, to which was referred the M. W. the Grand Master's address, for consideration, has the honor to report as follows :

The address is so admirable, both in matter and expression, that we find little in it to criticize or to call for any special suggestions. It may well be described as a scholarly and exhaustive record of one of the most prosperous years in the history of our Grand Lodge.

The increase in membership is more than ordinarily satisfactory, and the largest in the history of Grand Lodge, and a considerable addition has been made to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

The Board heartily concurs in the grant made to the Grand Lodge of California in aid of the sufferers by the earthquake in San Francisco.

The Board concurs in the feeling references by the Grand Master to the deaths of so many distinguished brethren during the year, especially that of M. W. Bro. Walkem, whose eminent services to the Craft and high character make his loss deeply felt by every member of Grand Lodge.

The Board congratulates the Grand Master upon the large amount of Masonic work in the way of lodge dedications, laying of corner stones, and other Masonic and public functions performed by him during the year.

The Board concurs in the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and of the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The Board concurs in the remarks of the Grand Master respecting the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund and the benevolent grants by Grand Lodge.

The Board congratulates the Grand Master upon his successful administration of the affairs of Grand Lodge during the year, resulting mainly from his arduous and indefatigable attention to the duties and responsibilities of his high office.

Fraternally submitted.

W. R. WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON THE NEW OFFICES FOR THE

M. W. THE GRAND MASTER AND
AND GRAND SECRETARY.

The Board, through its Special Committee in the matter of new offices for the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, begs to report:

That as the furnishings for the new offices have not been completed, it is recommended that the sub-committee be continued for another year.

D. F. MACWATT,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved, That the report be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved, That the actual expenses of the M. W. the Grand Master be paid.

SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrutineers of the ballot for grand officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes:

R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon.

R. W. Bro. J. A. Macfadden, Stratford Lodge, No. 332.

V. W. Bro. J. B. Hay, Zetland Lodge, No. 326.

V. W. Bro. E. A. Geiger, Salem Lodge, No. 368.

W. Bro. S. S. Reveler, Henderson Lodge, No. 383.

“ R. H. Spencer, Trent Lodge, No. 38.

“ G. W. Lee, Nipissing Lodge. No. 420.

“ S. A. Hutcheson, Unity Lodge, No. 376.

“ W. L. Phelps, Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28.

“ A. E. French, Leeds Lodge, No. 201.

“ F. B. Deacon, Stratford Lodge, No. 332.

“ J. Smith, New Dominion Lodge, No. 205.

“ H. Barrington, Washington Lodge, No. 260.

“ W. F. Tasker, Doric Lodge, No. 316.

“ S. D. Walker, Sussex Lodge, No. 5.

“ S. Holley, New Dominion Lodge, No. 205.

“ J. D. W. Randall Niagara Lodge, No. 2.

“ A. D. Ellis, St. John's Lodge, No. 104.

“ F. G. Miller, Newburgh Lodge, No. 146.

“ E. J. Walters, Union Lodge, No. 9.

“ J. T. Power, Sharon Lodge, No. 97.

W. Bro. L. W. Coulter, Civil Service Lodge, No. 148.
 " W. F. McCracken, Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264.
 " E. W. Honsinger, St. David's Lodge, No. 302.
 " W. J. Farmery, The Beaches Lodge, No. 473.
Bro. B. Sheldon, S. W., Corinthian Lodge, No. 476.
 " H. C. Scully, S. W., Alpha Lodge, No. 384.
 " W. C. Crumb, J. W., Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 1.30 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 1.50 o'clock p. m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

R. W. Bros. J. B. Nixon, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the ballot, presented the following report of the names of the brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes:

M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K.C., Pembroke, Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed, Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, Toronto, Grand Senior Warden.
 R. W. Bro. A. K. Wanless, Sarnia, Grand Junior Warden.
 M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K. C., Toronto, Grand Treasurer.
 M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.
 R. W. Bro. W. D. Tye, Goderich, Grand Registrar.
 R. W. Bro. Right Reverend Dr. Williams, Bishop of Huron, London, Grand Chaplain.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge,

Bro. John Sweetman, Ottawa, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. A. Shaw, Kingston.
 R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Sarnia.
 R. W. Bro. F. J. Skinner, Gananoque.
 R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, North Bay.
 R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, Ottawa.

Subsequently the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years, viz.:

R. W. Bro. W. Geo. Eakins, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, Ottawa.
 R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, London.
 R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Toronto.
 R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, Ingersoll.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the Representatives of Lodges and Past Masters of the respective Districts, and were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz.:

R. W. Bro. R. N. Fraser, Thamesville.....	Erie	Dist. No. 1
“ Stewart McWhorter, Petrolia.....	St. Clair	“ 2
“ R. F. O'Neil, Thamesford	London	“ 3
“ S. G. Holly, New Hamburg.....	South Huron	“ 4
“ S. J. Cameron, Wiarton.....	North Huron	“ 5
“ J. W. Dutton, Woodstock.....	Wilson	“ 6
“ John Jardine, Hespeler.....	Wellington	“ 7
“ Lyman Lee, Hamilton	Hamilton	“ 8
“ H. W. Wright, Owen Sound.....	Georgian	“ 9
“ B. J. Leubsdorf, St. Catharines..	Niagara	“ 10
“ A. J. Anderson, Toronto Junction	Toronto West	“ 11
“ D. A. Radcliffe, Aurora	Toronto East	“ 11a
“ H. G. Hutcheson, Port Perry...	Ontario	“ 12
“ F. L. Webb, Colborne	Pr. Edward	“ 13
“ William Jackson, Kingston	Frontenac	“ 14
“ Geo. T. Martin, Smith's Falls...	St. Lawrence	“ 15
“ William Northwood, Ottawa ...	Ottawa	“ 16
“ C. J. Hollands, Fort Francis.....	Algoma	“ 17
“ J. B. Way, Sault Ste Marie.....	Nipissing	“ 18
“ James Whitten, Bracebridge ...	Muskoka	“ 19
“ E. R. Bounsell, Bowmanville.....	Otonabee	“ 20
“ S. S. Reveler, Winchester.....	Eastern	“ 21

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Ottawa was unanimously chosen as the meeting place of the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. George W. Eakins, and

Resolved, That M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson be the Grand Historian of Grand Lodge.

INSTRUCTION OF D. D. G. M's.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray to instruct the newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work and in the duties of their office generally.

THANKS TO BOARD OF SCRUTINEERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby tendered to R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon and the worshipful brethren and brethren who have been associated with him, for the careful and satisfactory performance of their duties as Scrutineers.

THANKS TO BOARD OF CREDENTIALS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be, and are hereby tendered, to R. W. Bros. Wm. Roaf, S. E. Cornell, J. A. Tancock, W. G. Stephenson, A. M. Fulton, E. Fitzgerald, and W. Bros. Edward Barber and Charles Murray, for their arduous services as members of the Board of Credentials during the meeting of Grand Lodge.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments to office for the ensuing year:

V. W. Bro. James H. Leach, Pembroke, Grand Senior Deacon.
" Douglas Robertson, Eglinton, Grand Junior Deacon.
" A. C. Rorabeck, North Bay, Grand Supt. of Works.
" J. McPherson Ross, Balmy Beach, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" Geo. S. Mitten, Sarnia, Asst. Grand Secretary.
" A. E. Jewett, Chatham, Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" William J. Heaman, Exeter, Grand Sword Bearer.
" J. J. Foster, Listowel, Grand Organist.
" F. M. Bond, Port Dover, Asst. Grand Organist.
" G. N. Kidd, Carp, Grand Pursuivant.
" A. H. Johnson, Collingwood, Grand Steward.
" H. L. Anderson, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Gr. Steward.
" Daniel McDonald, Toronto, Grand Steward.
" E. Mosgrave, Kirkfield, Grand Steward.
" A. B. Carscallen, Enterprise, Grand Steward.
" John E. Purvis, Athens, Grand Steward.
" Robert Delahey, Cobden, Grand Steward.
" Robert McConkey, Kearney, Grand Steward.
" William A. Brown, Chesterfield, Grand Steward.
" J. R. Fraser, Lakefield, Grand Steward.
" Dugald Graham, Lobo, Grand Steward.
" C. A. B. Brown, Toronto, Grand Steward.
" W. A. Clark, Guelph, Grand Standard Bearer.
" Samuel Flatt, Waterdown, Grand Standard Bearer.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 3.40 o'clock p. m. in ample form.

ATTEST :



Hugh Murray

Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24,

Also Receipts From Lodges for the Year Ended 31st
Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2 aNiagara	Niagara	W. on or b.f.m	J. W. Randall	Sam'l Campbell.	
3 aThe An. St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday	Jas. M. Farrell	G. W. H. Comer.	
5 aSussex	Brockville	3rd Monday	J. A. Derbyshire	Geo. K. Dewey	
6 The Barton	Hamilton	1st Friday	Geo. Moore	Geo. H. Bull	
7 Union	Grimsby	Th.on or b.f.m	W. B. Calder	A. E. Phipps	
9 aUnion	Napanee	F.on or b.f. m	E. J. Walter	Wm. A. Grange	
10 aNorfolk	Sincooe	Tu.on or b.f.m	Wm. C. Everett	J. Porter	
11 aMoira	Belleville	W.on or b.f.m	H. F. Ketcheson	John Newton	
14 aTrue Britons	Perth	1st Monday	Wm. T. Hands	F. V. Buffam	
15 St. George's	St. Cathar'n's	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. T. Riddell	A. N. Lindsay	
16 aSt. Andrew's	Toronto	2nd Tuesday	A. E. Hagerman	J. T. Slater	
17 St. John's	Cobourg	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. W. C. Odell	Robert Buck	
18 aPrince Edward	Picton	Th.on or b.f.m	H. U. Tobe	R. H. Hubb	
20 aSt. Johns	London	2nd Tuesday	Thos. Rowe	M. D. Dawson	
21 aSt. John's	Vankleek Hill	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. W. Robertson	Thos. Jamieson	
22 aKing Solomon's	Toronto	2d Thursday	J. E. H. M. Meek	Geo. Carruthers	
23 Richmond	Richm'd Hill	M. on or b.f.m	Thos. A. Lamon	H. A. Nicholls	
24 aSt. Francis	Smith's Falls	F.on or b. f. m	Hugh A. Ross	J. A. Houston	
25 aIonic	Toronto	1st Tuesday	G. D. H. Lee	S. W. Smith	
26 aOntario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday	Thos. Tuer	W. J. Robertson	
27 aStrictObservance	Hamilton	3rd Friday	W. C. Breckinr'ge	Wm. C. Morton	
28 aMount Zion	Kemptville	W. b.f.m	W. L. Phelps	B. H. Guest	
29 aUnited	Brighton	Th.on or b.f.m	D. R. Davidson	B. C. H. Becker	
30 aComposite	Whitby	1st Thursday	W. M. Pringle	R. S. Cormack	
31 aJerusalem	Bowmanville	W. on or b.f.m	Jos. Pattinson	C. B. Kent	
32 aAmity	Dunnville	W. on or a.f.m	W. D. Patterson	Samuel Amsden	
33 aMaitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday	W. F. Gallow	M. O. Johnston	
34 aThistle	Amherst' rg	Tu.on or b.f.m	S. J. Johnson	A. L. Bennett	
35 St. John's	Cayuga	Th.on or a.f.m	J. A. Haney	W. U. Anthony	
37 aKing Hiram	Ingersoll	1st Friday	R. W. Thurtell	R. T. Agar	
38 aTrent	Trenton	Tuesday b.f.m	Randall Cronk	R. H. Spencer	
39 aMount Zion	Brooklin	Tu.on or b.f.m	John Bright	John J. Moore	
40 aSt. John's	Hamilton	3rd Thursday	J. D. Wilson	W. J. McAllister	
41 aSt. George's	Kingsville	Th.on or b.f.m	D. H. McCoy	Geo. Rumble	
42 aSt. George's	London	1st Thursday	F. Mercer	A. Ellis	
43 King Solomon's	Woodstock	1st Tuesday	John McGachie	A. McGachie	
44 aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas	1st Thursday	R. W. Johnson	L. Slater	
45 Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday	Jas. Heath	Geo. Whitwill	
46 aWellington	Chatham	1st Monday	W. A. Hadley	Alex. Gregory	
47 aGreat Western	Windsor	Th.on or b.f.m	E. C. Russell	Geo. E. White	
48 aMadoc	Madoc	Tu.on or b.f.m	Samuel Eagleson	A. H. Watson	
50 aConsecon	Consecon	F. on or b. f. m	Geo. J. Waddell	M. D. Arthur	
52 Dalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday	John C. Scott	C. S. Scott	
54 aVaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. B. MacLean	L. Richardson	
55 aMerrickville	Merrickville	Tu.on or b.f.m	John H. Hicks	G. B. Magee	
56 aVictoria	Sarnia	1st Tuesday	A. E. McDonald	F. C. Watson	
57 aHarmony	Binbrook	W. on or b.f.m	D. G. McIlwraith	J. F. Senn	
58 aDoric	Ottawa	1st Friday	J. A. Hocking	A. G. Greenfield	
61 aAcacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday	W. H. Wardrope	Hugh Murray, Jr	
62 aSt. Andrew's	Caledonia	W. on or b.f.m	Herb. Maw, M. D.	John Thompson	
63 aSt. John s	CarletonPlace	2d Wednesday	Geo. H. Findlay	A. T. Hudson	
64 aKilwinning	London	3rd Thursday	J. E. Keays	C. C. Reed	
65 aRehoboam	Toronto	1st Thursday	J. W. Payne	Geo. H. Mitchell	
66 aDurham	Newcastle	Tu.on or b.f.m	Alex. McLeod	Jas. K. Allen	
68 aSt. John's	Ingersoll	3rd Friday	W. O. Edwards	S. M. Douglas	
69 Stirling	Stirling	Th. afterf.m	S. S. Ashley	G. W. Bailey	
72 Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday	Finlay Smith	A. J. Oliver	
73 aSt. James	St. Marys	1st Monday	Arch. Willard	J. A. Donald	
74 aSt. James	S. Augusta	M. nearest f. m	S. D. Walker	H. H. Throop	
75 St. John's	Toronto	1st Monday	Alex. Fraser	James Knowles	
76 aOxford	Woodstock	2d Monday	F. H. Down	Robt. Anderson	
77 aFaithful Brethr'n	Lindsay	1st Friday	Jas. B. Begg	R. G. Cornel	
78 aKing Hiram	Tilsburg	W. on or b.f.m	C. H. Denton	A. E. Raynes	
79 aSimcoe	Bradford	4th Monday	Geo. C. Green	A. E. Scanlon	
81 aSt John's	Mt. Brydges	Tu.on or b.f.m	C. E. Bateman	Thomas C. West	
82 St. John's	Paris	2nd Tuesday	R. C. Macpherron	S. Y. Taylor	

1906, AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.

May, 1906, and Ledger Balances at that Date.

of St. John the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With-drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex-pelled.	Re-stored.	Total Memb's	Last Retns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.		
													Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal			
2	2	3	3			1				1	69	Jun 1906				\$ 44 25	
3	18	14	8	3	6	4	1				163	"				102 25	
5	22	20	23	9	4	5					220	"			\$ 60	165 20	
6	13	10	11	4	2	6					363	"				276 50	
7	9	8	11	3		2					93	"				62 75	
9	7	4			4	1	2	3			108	Dec. '05	12 50			35 00	
10	8	8	11		1	2	3	3			120	"					
11	15	17	14		3	1	4			7	193	Jun 1906				135 50	
14	4	7	6	1		1					103	"				68 00	
15	5	5	4	1	1	1				2	109	"				78 50	
16	15	20	16		6	4	2				325	"				218 75	
17	2	3	3	2							93	"		1 25		67 00	
18	11	12	16	4	2	2					231	"				175 00	
20	20	20	17	1	2	4					223	"				130 00	
21a	4	5	2	1	5	3					64	"				42 50	
22	16	12	10	4	7	3	3				259	"				183 50	
23	5	9	8	1	3	1					44	"				30 50	
24	12	9	9	3	4	3	1				142	"			1 00	108 25	
25	9	8	12	4	8	3					258	"				136 25	
26	6	5	5	5	3	1	5				116	"				66 00	
27	13	16	18	8	2	11					367	"		63		238 80	
28	2	3	2		3					2	53	"				48 50	
29	10	7	6		5	1					109	"				85 00	
30	2	2	3		3						69	"				42 00	
31	4	6	8		1	2	5				96	"		1 00	2 00	77 75	
32	7	8	7	2	2	1	1				105	"				85 25	
33	9	10	8	3		3					127	"				74 50	
34	4	5	6		2	1	3				75	"				85 00	
35	3	2	4	1							63	"				35 60	
37	18	13	8			2					122	"				111 50	
38	18	15	12	4	1	5					106	"				93 50	
39	1	1	1	2							33	"				14 50	
40	33	30	29	3		1	6				424	"				306 00	
41	2	3	2		2						96	"				63 00	
42	9	9	12	2	2	1					124	Dec. '05				103 00	
43	17	17	16		3		2			3	143	Jun 1906					113 25
44	15	10	9	2	4	3	1				235	"				189 50	
45	21	20	17	10	4	1	7				207	"				165 25	
46	5	3	1	2	4						167	Dec. '05				117 75	
47	24	19	13		8	5	4				274	Jun 1906	6 00			222 00	
48	11	10	6	3	2	2					120	"				64 50	
50	7	10	9	1		1					62	Dec. '05				52 00	
53	17	16	17	6	2	1	2			2	180	Jun 1906	1 00				135 00
54	1	2	1		2						40	"			2 00	29 00	
55	4	3	2	1	2						77	"			1 00	78 00	
56	8	13	12			2	9				193	Dec. '05				136 25	
57	3	1	1		3		4				49	Jun 1906			10 25	47 25	
58	11	13	13	3	2	1					154	"				131 00	
61	24	27	24	5	6	4	5			2	349	"			17 00		255 00
62	4	4	4			1					54	"				41 00	
63	8	10	10		5	3					162	"				125 00	
64	24	17	17	2	2	5	5			3	213	"				259 50	
65	22	22	16	4	5	3	3				300	"				178 00	
66	1	1			1						21	"			2 00		17 75
68	6	4	4			1				2	87	"					61 00
69				1	2					1	63	Dec. '95			6 00	70 25	
72	4	6	3		3						133	Jun 1906					82 00
73	2	4	5		6	1					76	"					54 50
74	8	7	4	1		1					66	"			4 00		49 50
75	7	8	4	1	4	1					284	"			17 00		218 25
76	17	18	19	5	2	2	3			3	159	"			1 00		132 75
77	18	15	13	3	4	2				2	149	"					102 50
78	14	13	6	3	2						153	Dec. '05	2 00				123 00
79	2	1	1	1	2	1					67	Jun 1906					51 00
81	19										86	"			4 00		41 50
82	7	2			3						63	"			15 00		21 00

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1906,

No. o' Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
83	aBeaver.....	Strathroy	F. a.f.m.....	Rev. W. T. Cluff.	R. F. Richardson
84	Clinton	Clinton	F. on or a.f.m	W. J. Stevenson.	E. M. McLean
85	aRising Sun	Athens	Th.on or b.f.m	Morley Earl	Jas. Ross
86	aWilson	Toronto	3rd Tuesday	W. P. Thomson	A. T. Darragh
87	Markham Union	Markham	F. on or b.f.m	Jas. Malcolm	J. B. Gould
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	W. on or b.f.m	A. L. Danard	Jo'n M. Campbell
90	aManito	Collingwood	W. on or a.f.m	A. H. Johnson	R. A. Stephens
91	aColborne	Colborne	F. on or b.f.m	H. W. Dudley	Geo. Keyes
92	aCataraqui	Kingston	2d Wednes'dy	John R. Smeaton	Robt. Hendry
93	aNorthern Light	Kincardine	1st Wednes'dy	Wm. Hay	R. D. Hall
94	aSt. Mark's	Port Stanley	2d Tuesday	J. H. Courtenay	Edm'd Chapman
96	aCorinthian	Barrie	1st Thursday	Donald Ross	Alfred Wilkes
97	aSharon	Qu'ensville	Tu.on or b.f.m	Wm. G. Hill	B. F. Pearson, M.D
98	True Blue	Bolton	F. on or a.f.m	J. A. Slade	A. E. Bolton
99	aTuscan	Newmarket	2d Wednes'dy	P. Morgan	C. H. R. Clark
100	Valley	Dundas	2nd Monday	John Bibbey	F. A. Latshaw
101	aCorinthian	Peterboro'	3rd Friday	W. H. Bradburn	W. G. Morrow
103	aMaple Leaf	S Catharines	Last Thurs'dy	Robt. Daw	H. J. Johnston
104	St. John's	Norwich	W. on or a.f.m	C. G. Hulet	G. W. Poldon
105	aSt. Mark's	N. Falls S'th	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. S. Murray	R. Sloggett
106	aBurford	Burford	W. on or b.f.m	C. H. Rathburn	Geo. Armstrong
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	W. on or b.f.m	John C. Love	H. Poole
108	Blent ei n	Princeton	F. on or a.f.m	Fred. Vicker	F. J. Daniel
109	aAlbion	Har'owsmith	F. on or b.f.m	G. S. Stewart	J. T. McKim
110	aCentral	Prescott	1st Tuesday	H. W. Kerfoot	H. H. Wells
113	aWilson	Waterford	W. on or b.f.m	J. H. Mills	R. D. Gibson
114	aHope	Port Hope	1st Friday	E. T. Tape	Thos. H. Bell
115	aIvy	Beamsville	Tu.on or b.f.m	Geo. Karr	A. N. Myer
116	aCassia	Theford	M. on or b.f.m	Wm. J. Bailey	W. Bryant
118	Union	Schomberg	M. on or b.f.m	Fred. Chantler	W. J. Brereton
119	aMaple Leaf	Bath	M. before f. m	Max Robinson	F. W. Armstrong
120	Warren	Fingal	Tu.on or b.f.m	C. P. Silcox	D. Cameron
121	aDoric	Brantford	3rd Friday	John J. Spence	Jas. C. Spence
122	aRenfrew	Renfrew	1st Monday	Henry Cox	M. McKinnon
123	aThe Belleville	Belleville	1st Thursday	S. A. Gardner	David Barragar
125	aCornwall	Cornwall	1st Wednes'dy	W. H. Magwood	Jo'n Ridley
126	aGolden Rule	Cam'bellford	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. A. Mulholland	Robt. Boyes
127	aFranck	Frankford	M. before f. m	Wm. C. Bull	Jno. W. Rose
128	aPembroke	Pembroke	1st Thursday	R. W. Gordon	J. P. Millar, Sr.
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	1st Friday	W. H. Taylor	F. Baldwin
131	aSt. Lawrence	Southam'ton	Tu.on or a.f.m	C. R. Vaustone	John McVitte
133	aLebanon Forest	Exeter	M. on or b. f. m	W. J. Heaman	C. H. Sanders
135	aSt. Clair	Milton	Th.on or b.f.m	J. W. Crozier	John Irving
136	Richardson	Stouffville	Th.on or b.f.m	F. H. Gray	J. W. Shankel
137	aPythagoras	Meaford	F. nearest f.m	F. H. Finley	F. A. Clarke
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	2nd Tuesday	W. E. N. Sinclair	A. R. McLean
140	aMalahide	Aylmer	W. on or b.f.m	F. H. Miller	C. T. Burdick
141	aTudor	Mitchell	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. J. M. Armstrg'	John Dunbar
142	aExcelsior	Morrisburg	F. on or b.f.m	Jas. A. Barkley	A. W. Massey
143	aFriendly Brothers	Iroquois	Wednes' b.f.m	T. W. Hare	A. B. Carman
144	aTecumseh	Stratford	3rd Friday	J. T. Perry	Chris. McLellan
145	aJ. B. Hall	Millbrook	Th.on or b.f.m	H. A. Turner	Geo. S. Carveth
146	aPrince of Wales	Newburgh	Wednes' b.f.m	F. G. Millar	G. A. Aylesworth
147	aMississippi	Almonte	1st Friday	J. H. Kelly	N. Washburn
148	aCivil Service	Ottawa	2d Tuesday	A. T. Phillips	Chas. Higgins
149	aErie	Port Dover	M. on or b.f.m	J. R. Davis	J. Varey
151	aThe Grand River	Berlin	2d Tuesday	D. W. Houston	A. Lockhart
153	aBurns	Wyoming	Th.on or b.f.m	W. B. Jones	J. M. Wilson
154	aIrving	Lucan	Th.on or b.f.m	E. A. Preston	W. J. Braunto
155	aPeterboro'	Peterboro'	1st Friday	Geo. J. Tovey	W. H. Walkley
156	aYork	N. Toronto	3rd Friday	Wm. J. Douglas	Wm. Duncan
157	Simpson	Newboro	Tu.on or b.f.m	Geo. S. Johnston	A. S. Morton
158	aAlexandra	Oil Springs	Thursd'ya.f.m	Jos. Burns	W. S. Duggan
159	aGoodwood	Richmond	1st Tuesday	Robt. Richards'n	Chas. L. Riley
161	aPercy	Warkworth	Wednes' b.f.m	R. B. Dawson	John L. Gaffield
162	Forest	Wroxeter	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. Allen	Thos. Brown

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No. of Lodges	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Withdrown.	Deaths.	S. N. P. D.		S. U. M. C.		Ex-pelled.	Re-stored.	Total M'm'b's	Last etru's	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge
							Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal					Dr. Bal	Cr. Bal	
83	2	7	5	..	1	2	1	5	..	..	..	2	105	Dec. '05	\$ 1 10	..	..
84	5	2	1	1	6	1	5	..	..	..	..	1	63	Jun1906	2 00	..	\$41 00
85	5	3	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	62	..	4 00	..	60 00
86	39	33	30	3	7	6	..	..	..	..	..	4	255	..	34 00	..	317 00
87	8	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69	..	..	63	69 00
88	7	8	6	..	3	1	10	1	..	..	..	1	154	..	..	..	92 00
90	10	8	9	4	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	165	..	..	..	98 25
91	1	2	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	87	Dec. '05	..	..	68 00
92	5	4	3	2	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	162	..	..	..	110 50
93	4	12	12	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	93	Jun1906	..	..	62 00
94	9	7	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	58	..	..	\$ 1 10	48 25
96	9	11	11	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	173	..	6 35	..	167 40
97	11	7	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	67	..	3 00	..	30 50
98	5	3	3	2	9	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	52	..	..	..	33 50
99	5	5	5	2	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	..	28 00	..	83 50
100	14	17	16	8	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	122	..	..	..	97 50
101	5	4	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	125	..	..	..	84 50
103	2	3	7	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	156	..	..	..	63 75
104	10	9	7	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	86	..	42 25	..	62 50
105	17	12	10	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	116	..	..	..	116 75
106	5	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	..	6 00	..	50 50
107	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	59	..	13 25	..	41 00
108	2	3	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	..	..	..	27 50
109	7	7	5	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	73	..	..	..	47 50
110	3	2	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	98	..	2 00	..	71 75
113	14	9	10	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	124	..	..	..	100 75
114	10	7	7	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	119	..	..	..	88 50
115	9	10	7	2	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	98	..	..	..	77 25
116	3	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	..	..	40 50
118	7	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	..	..	34 00
119	9	9	8	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	57	..	..	..	60 00
120	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	54	Dec. '05	..	..	2 00
121	40	43	40	9	5	4	3	..	..	..	..	2	346	Jun1906	3 63	..	343 00
122	4	3	2	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	117	..	..	..	82 25
123	18	14	12	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	170	Dec. '05	3 00	..	103 50
125	2	3	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	109	Jun1906	..	..	83 75
126	5	5	4	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	52	..	9 00	..	27 00
127	8	7	3	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	90	..	..	..	12 00
128	7	10	10	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	144	..	1 00	..	113 50
129	7	5	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	76	..	53 50	..	67 00
131	6	3	4	..	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	73	..	..	..	59 25
133	6	5	3	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	..	1 50	..	59 75
135	3	4	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	96	..	..	..	125 75
136	6	5	5	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	61	..	..	..	53 75
137	13	9	5	3	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	101	..	..	..	80 00
139	11	10	10	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	78	..	..	..	57 25
140	5	5	5	1	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	108	..	..	..	82 00
141	5	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	Dec. '03	1 00	..	43 00
142	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	62	Jun1906	..	..	21 00
143	5	5	6	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	102	Dec. '05	..	..	1 00
144	17	17	13	4	9	2	7	..	..	..	..	1	145	Jun1906	..	..	139 75
145	5	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	57	..	..	..	34 50
146	2	2	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	44	..	..	..	21 00
147	3	3	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	88	..	..	..	1 50
148	34	30	28	13	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	134	..	..	..	121 50
149	2	2	4	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	..	3 00	..	18 35
151	16	15	17	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	157	..	25	..	113 75
153	5	6	7	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	98	..	..	..	74 00
154	2	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72	Dec. '03	..	..	43 00
155	6	4	5	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	194	Jun1906	..	..	113 25
156	23	16	17	6	1	..	9	..	..	..	..	1	132	..	..	15 00	142 50
157	5	4	4	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72	..	3 00	..	54 00
158	2	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	..	..	..	30 50
159	4	5	5	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	2	75	..	..	..	51 00
161	8	9	8	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	80	..	..	..	49 75
162	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	Dec. '05	..	..	24 00

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

RETURN OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1906,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting	W. Master.	Secretary.
164	<i>a</i> Star in the East	Wellington...	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. J. Gerow....	W. W. Fitzgerald.
165	<i>a</i> Burlington	Burlington...	W. on or b.f.m	W. F. Alton....	F. W. Taylor.
166	<i>a</i> Wentworth	Stoney Creek	M. on or b.f.m	A. E. Walker....	R. H. Dewar.
168	<i>a</i> Merritt	Welland....	M. on or b.f.m	W. H. Crow....	John Coulson ..
169	<i>a</i> Macnab	Pt. Coborne	Tu.on or b.f.m	Louis Kinnear...	John Cook.
170	<i>a</i> Britannia	Seaforth....	1st Monday....	W. J. Moffat....	L. C. Jackson.
171	<i>a</i> Prince of Wales	Lawre'ceSt'n	F. on or a.f.m	A. W. Forbes....	J. A. McIntyre.
172	<i>a</i> Ayr	Ayr....	Tu.on or b.f.m	A. G. Verchere...	J. P. Wyllie.
174	<i>a</i> Walsingham	Port Rowan...	Th.on or b.f.m	J. E. Biddle....	Jas. Ryan.
177	<i>a</i> The Builders'	Ottawa....	2d Friday....	F. G. Wait....	H. H. Cairns ..
178	<i>a</i> Plattsville	Plattsville...	F. on or b.f.m	John Bristow...	W. R. Henderson
180	<i>a</i> Speed	Guelph....	1st Tuesday...	T. E. Rundle....	Wm. Parker.
181	<i>a</i> Oriental	Port Burwell	Tu.on or b.f.m	Wm. Backhouse...	M. G. Burwell ..
184	<i>a</i> Old Light	Lucknow....	Th.on or b.f.m	J. K. M. Gordon...	A. B. Macleod.
185	<i>a</i> Enniskillen	York....	M. on or b.f.m	M. Runchey....	C. J. Martindale.
186	<i>a</i> Plantagenet	Plantagenet	M. on or b.f.m	W. H. McEwan...	John Smith.
190	Belmont	Belmont....	F. on or b.f.m	J. F. Turner....	Jas. McMillan ..
192	<i>a</i> Orillia	Orillia....	F. on or b.f.m	H. R. Tudhope...	J. A. Fowlie.
193	<i>a</i> Scotland	Scotl...and	M. on or b.f.m	Jas. McIlwrath...	J. H. M. Vaughan
194	<i>a</i> Petrolea	Petrolea...	2d Wednesday...	E. P. Corey....	Mathew Smith.
195	<i>a</i> The Tuscan	London....	1st Monday....	W. M. English...	Hon. E. Mainga'lt
196	<i>a</i> Madawaska	Arnprior...	2d Monday....	J. A. Simpson...	Rev. Wm. Moore
197	<i>a</i> Saugeen	Walkerton...	2d Tuesday....	Herb Courtenay	Hy. B. Currie.
200	St. Albans...	MountForest	F. on or b.f.m	John Hogarth...	R. S. Marshall.
201	<i>a</i> Leeds	Gananoque...	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jas A. Black....	R. G. Graham.
203	Irvine	Elora....	3rd Friday....	Wm. A. Kear...	Edward Burns.
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg	M. on or a.f.m	S. C. Holley....	S. G. Holley.
207	<i>a</i> Lancaster	Lancaster...	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. J. Calder....	W. N. McGilliv.
209a	<i>a</i> St. John's	London....	1st Friday....	W. J. Smith....	J. S. Dewar.
209	Evergreen	Lanark....	1st Tuesday...	David McLaren...	Alex. Buffam.
212	<i>a</i> Elysian	Gar'n Island	1st Monday....	John Kennedy...	Thos. Lappen.
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	F. on or b.f.m	Nels'Parliam'nt	J. I. Coleman.
216	<i>a</i> Harris	Orangeville...	Tu.on or b.f.m	C. R. McKeown...	D. McPherson.
217	<i>a</i> Frederick	Delhi....	M. on or b.f.m	W. Tisdale....	A. W. Crysler.
218	<i>a</i> Stevenson	Toronto...	2d Monday....		
219	<i>a</i> Credit	Georgetown...	F. on or b.f.m	R. C. Adams....	T. R. Earnings.
220	<i>a</i> Zeredatha	Uxbridge	M. on or b.f.m	C. H. Nix....	V. M. Hare.
221	<i>a</i> Mountain	Thorold....	W. on or b.f.m	S. G. Gartley....	D. J. C. Munro.
223	<i>a</i> Marmora	Marmora	Monday a.f.m.	H. C. Wiggins...	A. Louttet.
223	<i>a</i> Norwood	Norwood	M. on or b.f.m	S. P. Ford, M.D.	Rv. G. A. M'Len'an
224	<i>a</i> Zurich	Hensall...	Th.on or b.f.m	Wm. McKay....	Jas. Bonthron ..
225	<i>a</i> Bernard	Listowel	F. on or b.f.m	John Roger....	J. J. Foster.
228	<i>a</i> Prince Arthur	Odessa....	M. on or a.f.m	A. M. Caton....	Robt. Bennett.
230	<i>a</i> lonic	Brampton	3rd Tuesday...	W. J. Fenton...	W. H. McFadden.
230	Kerr	Barrie...	3rd Friday....	T. Beecroft...	W. J. Hallett.
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa...	3rd Tuesday...	Duncan Brown...	John F. Stewart.
232	<i>a</i> Cameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m	J. R. Patton....	W. H. Barnum.
233	Doric ...	Park Hill...	T. on or b.f.m	Wm. Magladery...	N. McDougall.
234	<i>a</i> Beaver	Clarksburg	Tu.on or b.f.m	Fred. Kent, M.D.	J. H. Dickinson.
235	Aldworth	Paisley	F. on or b.f.m	John P. Fisher...	J. H. Steele.
236	<i>a</i> Manitoba	Cookstown	Tu.on or a.f.m	F. J. Sissions...	F. S. Rountwaite
237	Vienna	Vienna...	F. on or b.f.m	Orien Bartlett...	S. S. Clutton.
238	Havelock	Watford...	Tues. b. f. m.	F. B. Kenwood...	David Watt.
239	Tweed	Tweed...	F. on or b.f.m	W. Reynolds...	Jas. Murray.
242	<i>a</i> Macoy	Mallorytown	M. on or b.f.m	Gilbert Root....	S. A. Guild.
243	<i>a</i> St. George	St. George...	Th.on or b.f.m	W. A. Saas....	S. J. McLane.
245	<i>a</i> Tecumseh	Thamesville	Tu.on or b.f.m	E. F. Best....	Robert Pye.
247	<i>a</i> Ashlar	Toronto...	4th Tuesday...	Jas. D. Bailey...	Lewis F. Riggs.
249	<i>a</i> Caledonian	Midland...	M. on or b. f. m	W. E. Montgom'ry	Wm. McTavish.
250	Thistle	Embro...	Th.on or b.f.m	Jas. Brown....	G. M' Creighton
253	<i>a</i> Minden	Kingston...	1st Tuesday...	Freeman Waugh	T. D. Minnes.
254	Clifton	Niag. Falls...	1st Thursday...	J. J. Harriman...	Alex. Gray.
255	Sydenham	Dresden...	2d Thursday...	W. L. Bedell....	C. H. Hughes.
256	<i>a</i> Farran's Po nt	Auitsville...	W. on or b.f.m	E. L. Brown, M.D	R. H. Hanes.
257	<i>a</i> Galt	Galt	1st Tuesday...	Geo. H. Nichol...	Jas. A. Carrick.

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No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised.	Withdrown.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'l'd	Rest'd.	Ledger.		Paid Grad Lodge.
										Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
164	25	20	13	5	6	1	1	1	108	Jun 1906	18 00	\$ 97 25
165	6	5	5	1	2	1	1	1	91	"	3 00	55 50
166	8	9	11	1	1	2	2	2	131	Dec. '05	.....	107 50
168	3	6	7	1	1	1	2	2	92	Jun 1906	.....	69 25
169	3	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	70	"	25	39 25
170	2	2	2	3	5	1	1	1	91	"	.....	59 00
171	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	Jun 1905	1 00	30 50
172	8	4	5	.....	.....	1	1	1	43	Jun 1909	.....	34 50
174	4	4	4	.....	.....	1	1	1	59	"	6 00	43 00
177	14	17	18	12	1	5	1	1	185	"	.....	197 25
178	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	"	.....	22 75
180	5	3	3	3	2	3	1	1	78	.....	.....	55 25
181	2	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	"	1 00	23 25
184	7	8	5	2	4	6	1	1	2	89	.....	55 75
185	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	26	"	7 75	9 75
186	7	6	5	2	2	1	1	1	44	"	6 25	44 50
190	6	7	8	10	1	1	1	1	51	"	1 00	38 50
192	16	16	12	1	4	10	1	1	140	.....	.....	146 75
193	7	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	72	"	1 50	47 50
194	8	7	7	1	1	1	2	2	82	.....	.....	47 25
195	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	88	"	8 00	42 00
196	4	5	3	2	3	1	1	1	103	"	2 00	76 00
197	8	7	4	1	1	1	1	1	70	.....	15 00	71 25
200	3	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	60	"	3 00	32 50
201	12	11	12	5	8	2	2	1	143	Dec. '05	.....	127 50
203	5	3	.....	2	2	2	2	1	57	Jun 1906	3 00	38 50
205	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	.....	.....	26 75
207	9	7	4	4	4	2	2	2	72	"	1 00	40 00
209a	25	21	19	4	1	4	2	2	288	.....	.....	213 00
209	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	51	"	.....	27 50
212	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	21	.....	4 00	9 75
215	3	3	3	1	4	1	5	1	68	Dec. '05	1 00	44 50
216	3	5	8	1	1	1	1	1	154	Jun 1906	5 00	188 25
217	4	3	3	1	3	2	7	5	68	"	33 25	26 50
218	15	H	3	.....	3	2	7	5	220	"	16 00	102 50
219	3	.....	2	1	2	2	2	2	88	"	7 50	28 75
220	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	79	.....	50	44 00
221	4	6	8	4	3	2	2	1	98	"	.....	87 72
222	6	5	3	2	2	1	8	1	76	"	1 00	58 25
223	7	10	11	2	7	2	1	2	77	"	1 00	77 75
224	6	3	7	1	2	2	1	1	78	.....	1 00	65 50
225	11	5	5	6	7	4	2	1	96	.....	3 00	60 50
226	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	42	.....	2 00	24 50
229	2	3	4	2	2	2	1	1	74	.....	2 50	53 75
230	3	4	4	5	1	1	1	1	105	.....	.....	68 50
231	18	12	11	3	5	1	1	1	160	.....	50	131 00
232	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	65	Dec. '05	11 00	14 00
233	3	2	3	1	3	2	1	1	54	Jun 1906	.....	49 25
234	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	71	Dec. '05	3 00	43 50
235	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	Jun 1905	.....	65 50
236	2	4	6	1	3	1	1	1	58	Jun 1906	.....	52 50
237	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	.....	.....	25 00
238	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	70	.....	2 00	42 00
239	14	12	12	4	2	1	1	1	80	.....	35 50	22 15
242	6	6	6	.....	2	2	2	1	78	.....	.....	49 75
243	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	69	.....	.....	1 75
245	4	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	58	.....	1 75	57 50
247	16	13	14	3	3	3	1	1	297	.....	3 75	181 50
249	10	6	8	9	9	3	1	1	134	.....	.....	119 00
250	3	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	28	Dec. '05	3 00	62 00
253	9	2	2	3	1	3	1	1	91	Juni 1906	.....	55 00
254	14	12	13	3	2	1	4	2	144	.....	1 88	111 00
255	6	6	6	2	1	4	4	2	76	.....	3 50	56 00
256	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	60	.....	8 00	11 00
257	5	7	12	5	5	1	5	1	137	.....	14 00	110 00

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1906,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
255	Guelph	Guelph	2d Tuesday	W. A. Mahoney	R. T. Powell
259	Springfield	Springfield	M. on or b.f.m	Jas. R. McLachl'n	M. M. Black
260	Washington	Petroia	1st Wednes'dy	H. Barrington	G. A. W. Denham
261	aOak Branch	Innerkip	Th.on or b.f.m	J. G. Hosack	R. Q. Irving
262	aHarriston	Harriston	2d Monday	Andrew Fisher	Rv. C. Scudamore
263	aForest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m	Jas A. Brand	P. W. Campbell
264	aChaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday	Robt. McCracken	Thos. Saunders
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Th.on or b.f.m	Ja. . Baxter	J. E. Francis
266	aNorthern Light	S ayner	Tu.on or b.f.m	Rev. ... Cobourn	J. W. Bethune
267	aParthenon	Chatham	1st Wednes'dy	John M. Pike	J. W. Plewes
268	aVerulam	Bobcaygeon	F. on or b.f.m	Hy. Hurchmer	Wm. J. Read
269	aBrougham Union	Claremont	W. on or a.f.m	Thos. Gregg	R. E. Forsythe
270	aCedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday	E. D. Drew	L. K. Murton
271	Wellington	Erin	W. on or b.f.m	Rich. Jones	Dug'ld Campbell
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Tu.on or b.f.m	Geo. Munro	James Stewart
274	aKent	Bleuheim	2d Monday	T. Pickering	R. M. Thompson
276	aTeeswater	Teeswater	4th Friday	S. R. Brill	J. Farquharson
277	aSeymour	P. Dalhousie	W. on or b.f.m	T. M. Johnston	John Green, Sr.
279	New Hope	Hespeler	W. on or b.f.m	A. Jardine	Jno. Jardine
282	Lorne	Glencoe	Th.on or b.f.m	J. C. Elliott	W. J. French
283	aEureka	Belleville	W. a. f. m.	Chas. L. Sulman	W. J. Diamond
284	St. John's	Brussels	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jas. Ballantyne	John Wright
285	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or a.f.m	R. J. Wallace	W. B. Clifton
286	Wingham	Wingham	1st Tuesday	H. O. Bell	J. A. Morton
287	aShuniah	Port Arthur	1st Tuesday	F. B. Allen	Geo. H. Rapsey
289	aDoric	Lobo	Th.on or b.f.m	John A. Ferguson	P.L. Graham, MD
290	aLeamington	Leamington	Tu.on or b.f.m	Thos. Rowley	W. F. Williams
291	aDufferin	W. Flamboro	Th.on or b.f.m	J. K. Minchen	Alfred Jones
292	aRobertson	King	M. on or b.f.m	Geo. Egan	A. Carley
294	aMoore	Courtright	Th.on or b.f.m	Rev. Edwin Lee	F. J. Tully
295	aConestogo	Drayton	1st Tues. a.m.	Calvert Scarr	W. H. Smith
296	aTemple	St. Catharin's	Last Wednes.	H. P. Nicholson	K. G. Beaton
297	Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m	John Short	Jos. Baltzer
299	Victoria	Centreville	Th.on or b.f.m	W. H. Aylsworth	Robt. Cox
300	aMount Olivet	Thorndale	Tu.on or b.f.m	F. C. McCutcheon	M. N. Wright
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	3rd Thursday	E. W. Honsinger	Fred. S. Lewis
303	aBlyth	Blyth	Tu.on or a.f.m	Wm. Watson	J. M. Hamilton
304	aMinerva	Stroud	Tu.on or b.f.m	John F. Ardill	Jas. Black
305	Humber	Weston	Th.on or b.f.m	W. M. Gemmel	H. G. Musson
306	Durham	Durham	2d Tuesday	W. E. Brooker	Jas. R. Gunn
307	aArkona	Arkona	Th.on or b.f.m	F. W. Crawford	Fred. Nelson
309	aMorning Star	Smith's Hill	W. on or b.f.m	Alex. Robertson	John Varcoe
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge	F. on or b.f.m	Amos Maynard	D. Norton
312	aPnyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m	R. J. Watts	E. E. Parker
313	aClementi	Lakefield	1st Tuesday	J. H. Sherin	G. B. Hilliard
314	aBlair	Palmerston	F. after f. m.	Geo. E. McKowan	H. McEwing
315	Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday	G. Harrisor, M.D.	M. B. Mathewson
316	aDoric	Toronto	3d Thursday	J. M. Woodland	H. C. Griffiths
318	aWilmot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m	W. Waugh	J. A. Butler
319	aHiram	Hagersville	Th.on or b.f.m	R. J. Cathewood	H. A. Howard
320	aChesterville	Chesterville	M. on or b.f.m	H. P. D. Evans	C. F. Robinson
321	aWalker	Acton West	M. on or b.f.m	R. M. McDo:ald	W. Stark
322	aNorth Star	Owen Sound	W. a. f. m.	J. A. Richardson	J. F. McCallum
323	aAlvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m	R. McE. McDiarmd	R. Code
324	aTemple	Hamilton	2d Tuesday	T. H. Hayhurst	Thos. Pedler
325	Orono	Orono	Th.on or b.f.m	Jos. Henry	R. Z. Hall
326	aZetland	Toronto	4th Friday	E. R. Dransfield	J. H. Macabe
327	The Hammond	Wardsville	Tu.on or b.f.m	Rich. Wehlaan	S. D. Jamieson
328	Ionic	Napier	F. on or b.f.m	F. B. Elliott	Henry Lowe
329	aKing Solomon	Jarvis	F. on or b.f.m	Thos. H. Lewis	H. A. Howell
330	aCorinthian	London East	1st Tuesday	Rich. Johnston	H. C. Simpson
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	Th.on or b.f.m	Jo'n. Hennehberg	A. C. Hutchinson
332	Stratford	Stratford	2nd Monday	F. B. Deacon	F. J. Scarff
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	F. on or b.f.m	W. A. Armstrong	Herbert Smith
334	aPrince Arthur	Arthur	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. S. Buschian	W. Pender
335	aHighgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. F. Keycraft	F. Littlejohn

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No. of Lodge.	Initial'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With-drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Expl'd	Rest'd.	Total M'mb's	Jun1906	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Last Ret'rns	Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.
258	11	16	15	1	3	2	7	1	1	1	91	Jun1906	\$ 9 00	.....	\$ 98 75
259	9	7	4	1	1	1	.....	1	1	1	39	.....	.....	\$ 3 50	111 25
260	15	13	13	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	107	.....	4 00	.....	16 50
261	3	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	84 25
262	6	5	2	1	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84	.....	.....	8 00	68 00
263	4	3	3	2	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	4 00	108 75
264	10	11	10	.....	1	2	1	1	1	1	138	.....	.....	.....	38 75
265	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	Dec. '05	.....	.....	20 25
266	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	“	50	.....	169 25
267	14	12	10	2	1	1	9	1	1	1	125	Jun1906	.....	.....	28 25
268	7	3	2	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	“	3 75	1 00	53 75
269	10	7	7	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	57	.....	.....	.....	95 75
270	4	4	4	.....	2	1	2	1	1	1	69	Dec. '05	11 00	.....	11 25
271	6	5	5	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	70	Jun1906	12 00	.....	2 25
272	8	9	10	.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	100	“	.....	.....	26 25
273	7	8	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	77	Jun1905	27 25	.....	44 50
274	2	2	3	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	28	Jun1906	2 00	.....	45 25
275	3	5	5	.....	1	1	3	1	1	1	47	“	.....	.....	37 75
276	4	4	4	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	65	“	2 00	50 50	47 00
277	5	3	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	56	“	50	.....	40 50
278	6	3	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	76	“	.....	.....	57 45
279	6	3	3	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	66	“	.....	.....	53 00
280	9	7	3	.....	1	2	1	1	1	1	76	“	.....	2 70	64 75
281	5	5	2	1	3	1	7	1	1	1	81	“	.....	.....	35 00
282	24	22	21	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	169	“	1 25	.....	25 00
283	9	11	11	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	37	“	2 00	.....	95 00
284	10	12	11	.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	122	“	3 00	.....	50 38
285	1	1	1	.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	79	“	3 00	.....	24 25
286	5	4	4	4	1	2	2	1	1	1	42	“	2 00	.....	48 50
287	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	58	“	4 00	.....	43 50
288	5	4	4	4	1	2	2	1	1	1	63	“	.....	.....	42 00
289	4	4	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	54	“	1 00	.....	16 50
290	8	8	7	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	33	Jun1905	3 50	.....	55 50
291	13	12	11	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	46	Jun1906	1 00	.....	135 50
292	5	4	2	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	3	207	“	78 00	.....	30 50
293	11	10	9	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	1	55	“	.....	.....	58 50
294	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	“	.....	.....	23 00
295	7	8	9	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	59	“	.....	.....	48 75
296	3	3	3	2	1	6	1	1	1	1	37	“	1 00	.....	25 25
297	7	8	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	51	Dec. '05	.....	.....	98 00
298	8	8	7	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	41	Dec. '04	2 50	.....	.....
299	6	6	6	2	1	2	5	1	1	1	93	Jun1906	.....	.....	64 00
300	6	5	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	65	“	.....	.....	63 75
301	7	8	7	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	65	“	1 00	.....	55 75
302	4	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	“	.....	.....	42 25
303	37	17	5	11	5	1	1	1	1	1	363	Dec. '05	473 00	.....	.....
304	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	Jun1906	22 00	.....	34 00
305	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	“	.....	.....	24 25
306	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	“	1 00	.....	76 00
307	7	8	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	“	1 50	.....	44 00
308	7	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	“	2 00	.....	108 00
309	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	68	Jun1906	2 12	.....	50 50
310	8	8	10	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	324	Dec. '05	3 00	.....	223 75
311	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	Jun1906	.....	.....	29 50
312	7	6	6	2	1	2	5	1	1	1	451	“	1 00	.....	363 50
313	6	5	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	26	“	3 00	.....	26 00
314	4	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	“	10 00	.....	52 25
315	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	59	“	25	.....	40 00
316	19	13	12	5	4	2	1	2	1	1	178	“	8 00	.....	91 00
317	4	4	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	52	“	3 00	.....	183 25
318	2	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	52	“	.....	.....	39 00
319	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	“	25	.....	24 50
320	5	6	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	451	“	33 25	.....	.....
321	5	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	178	“	8 00	.....	183 25
322	10	8	10	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	147	Dec. '05	25	.....	.....
323	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	68	Jun1906	2 12	.....	50 50
324	8	6	7	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	324	Dec. '05	3 00	.....	223 75
325	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	Jun1906	.....	.....	29 50
326	19	13	12	5	4	2	1	2	1	1	451	“	1 00	.....	363 50
327	4	4	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	26	“	3 00	.....	26 00
328	2	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	“	10 00	.....	52 25
329	7	7	5	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	59	“	25	.....	40 00
330	9	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	136	“	.....	.....	91 00
331	8	6	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	“	25	.....	33 25
332	11	8	6	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	178	“	8 00	.....	183 25
333	4	3	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	52	“	3 00	.....	39 00
334	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	52	“	.....	.....	24 50
335	6	5	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	57	“	.....	.....	56 00

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1906.

No. of Lodge	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
337	aMyrtle	Pt. Robinson	Tu.on or b.f.m	F. H. Clark	Samuel Hill.....
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	Tu.on or b.f.m	Rich. Putman	Jas. R. Goring
339	aOrient	Toronto	1st Tuesday...	Edward Mack	F. H. Anderson...
341	aBruce	Tiverton	Tu.on or b.f.m	C. F. Fawcett	J. M. Bowie.....
343	Georgina	Toronto	1st Saturday...	C. B. M. Murray	J. M. Sumner.....
344	Merrill	Dorch'st r'S'n	Th.on or b.f.m	C. A. Hunt	W. J. Canning.....
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	Tu.on or b.f.m	Fred. Burton	A. O. Barrows...
346	aThe Occident	Toronto	3d Wednesday'y	J. M. Marks	John Lillie.....
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday.....	Alex. Shaw	T. N. Wansbrouh
348	aGeorgian	Pen'tang sh'e	1st Thursday...	Geo. Robinson	W. H. Hewson...
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	3d Wednesday	A. J. Whitby	D. Macfarlane...
354	Brock	Cannington	W. on or b.f.m	W. H. Bick	Joseph A. Kift...
356	River Park	Streetsville	Tu.on or b.f.m	M. S. Mercer	O. R. Church...
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	Tu.on or b.f.m	Jas. Stewart	Miles Markle...
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m	J. R. Hammond	Wm. Harker.....
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m	C. A. Dunkin	John Pow
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	1st Tuesday ..	Hy. J. Bird, Jr.	Rich. Mills
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday ..	R. L. McKinnon	W. E. Cutten.....
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	M. on or b.f.m	E. A. Gerolamy	Jas. A. McDonald
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m	J. W. Campbell	Geo. J. Hagerty.
367	aSt. George	Toronto	1st Friday.....	R. W. Brennen	R. C. Gallagher...
368	aSalem	Brockville	2nd Monday...	H. A. Clark	E. A. Geigher...
369	aMimico	Lambton M.	Tu.on or b.f.m	J. A. Moran	W. R. Woodill...
370	Harmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m	Hilliard Howard	J. W. Russell.....
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	4th Friday.....	E. G. Shane	John B. Wright...
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	Tu.on or a.f.m	F. T. Pattison	J. G. Watts.....
373	aCopestone	Welland	1st Thursday...	Rv. G. Johnstone	Thomas Main...
374	aKeene	Keene	Th.on or b.f.m	S. A. Smithson	A. D. Anderson...
375	aLorne	Omemee	1st Thursday...	R. J. Patterson	G. S. Cameron MD
376	aUnity	Huntsville	2d Wednesday	S. A. Hutcheson	Oscar Wieler...
377	aLorne	Shelburne	1st Friday.....	J. A. Mills	Hugh Smith
378	aKing Solomon's	London West	2nd Thursday	Jos. McDougall	W. Nicholl
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	W. on or b.f.m	W. A. Roberts	Alex. Grant
380	aUnion	London	2nd Monday...	E. A. Crawford	Jos. Ward
382	Doric	Hamilton	3rd Monday...	C. M. Sinclair	C. V. Emory, M.D.
383	aHenderson	W. Winch'ter	F. on or b.f.m	C. H. Fullerton	Geo. A. Johnson.
384	aAlpha	Toronto	1st Thursday...	R. E. Port	E. J. Voss.....
385	aSpry	Beeton	M. on or b.f.m	A. R. Mills	Rev. Geo. Crystal
386	aMcColl	West Lorne	Tu.on or b.f.m	D. M. Leitch	Wm. A. Becker...
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	Th.on or b.f.m	S. C. Horton	J. A. Bradley, Jr.
388	Henderson	Ilderton	M. on or b. f.m	W. W. Robson	J. H. Robson.....
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	W. on or b.f.m	Geo. W. Chapman	W. H. Wadd'l, MD
390	aFlorence	Florence	Th.on or b.f.m	W. J. Bodkin	J. A. Emery
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m	C. A. Dunkley	W. H. Ellsworth
392	aHuron	Camlachie	W. on or b.f.m	Malcl'm Cochran	A. Trusler
393	Forest	Chesley	1st Tuesday...	Wm. Halliday	W. T. Ross
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	W. on or b.f.m	Thos. Abbott	J. S. Robinson ..
395	Parvaim	Comber	Fri.on or b.f.m	W. G. Campbell	E. S. Hughes.....
396	aCedar	Wiarton	Tu.on or b.f.m	Gideon Kastner	E. Y. Jackson...
397	aLeopold	Brigden	W. on or b.f.m	Wm. Neil	W. J. Brownlee...
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	F. on or b.f.m	J. F. Ross, M.D.	John R. Graham
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m	Walter Knnz	H. W. Yorke
400	aOakville	Oakville	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. T. Marlatt	C. A. Bradbury...
401	aCraig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday...	Robt. Whyte	T. W. Rowland...
402	Central	Essex	W. on or b.f.m	F. B. Geddes	R. J. Shaw
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday.....	Alfred Miers	A. N. Pettit
404	aLorne	Tamworth	F. on or b.f.m	S. E. Kennedy	Jas. Aylesworth...
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday...	W. G. Diawoodie	S. C. MacDonald
406	aThe Spry	Fenel'n Falls	W. on or b.f.m	F. H. Magee	E. Fitzgerald...
408	Murray	Beaverton	Tu.on or b.f.m	D. W. Walls	Neil Rutherford
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	2d Monday.....	F. Hornsby	G. W. Keith
410	aZeta	Toronto	4th Friday	E. Barber	A. E. Faulds
411	aRodney	Rodney	W. on or b.f.m	Jas. D. McLean	A. S. Winlow.....
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie	1st Tues. e.m.	H. P. Broughton	C. M. Buscombe.
413	aNaphtali	Tilb'y Cent'e	Tu.on or b.f.m	W. H. Lewis	W. A. Hutton
414	Pequonga	Kenora	1st Wednesday'y	J. W. Skinner	S. C. Sharman

AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.—Continued.

No. of Lodge.	Initia'd	Passed	Raised.	Join'd.	With-drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D. M. C.	Exp'd	Rest'd	Total M. m'd's	Last Returns		Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge	
											Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.				
337	8	4	4	10	1	4	43	1	43	Jun 1906	25	.....	\$ 50 75		
338	4	4	1	1	1	1	57		41 25	.....	1 00	.....			
339	26	21	15	3	5	3	11		273	“	2 25	221 75				
341	3	2							54	Dec. '05	76 50	.....			
343	13	13	16	3	12	4	2	1	243	Jun 1906	50	.....	200 50		
844	4	3	3		3				38	“	.....	1 00	73 50		
345	1	4	1		1	1			35	“	.....	3 00	33 50		
346	34	30	26	2	2	3		3	246	“	.....	10 00	218 00		
347	2	3	3		1	1			59	“	2 25	.....	26 00		
348	9	8	8	1	2				55	“	3 25	.....	39 00		
352	13	9	6			1	1		90	“	.....		75 25		
351	7	6	1		3				68	“	.....	2 00	43 50		
356	8	6	6	1					47	“	.....	9 00	48 50		
357	7	9	7	1	3	1			90	“	.....	25	70 50		
358	3	2	1	2	1	1			38	“	48 00	.....			
359	2	2	2		3	1			47	“	.....		29 50		
360	.....	3	2	4		1			1	68	“	.....	47 00		
361	8	4	6		2	2	6		135	“	7 50	.....	84 75		
362	.....				2	2	2		1	48	“	2 00	.....	31 25	
364	1	3	3		1				1	2	Dec. '05	11 00	.....	20 50	
367	28	26	28	3	3	3			248	Jun 1906	.....		205 50		
368	11	18	16	1	3				1	147	“	50	.....	138 75	
369	6	8	8		3	1	2		2	84	“	.....	48 50		
370	6	4	4	1	3	1	1		62	Dec. '05	4 50	.....	48 75		
371	14	11	17		3				120	Jun 1906	.....		130 50		
372	3	5	4	3		3	1		83	“	.....		68 50		
373	5	4	2		2	1	3		60	“	.....		54 75		
374	3	1							36	“	.....		34 00		
375	.....								28	Dec. '04	1 00	.....			
376	3	3	2						90	Dec. '05	1 00	.....	30 00		
377	7	5	4	I	I		5		68	Jun 1906	3 00	.....	43 25		
378	11	10	11		1	8			111	“	.....		107 00		
379	2	2	2						32	Dec. '05	2 00	.....	22 00		
380	9	9	12	1	3	3	3		1	168	“	.....	117 50		
382	36	37	27		5	4	1		2	271	Jun 1906	7 00	237 05		
383	15	12	12	2	1	1	3		92	“	.....		78 00		
384	14	16	12	2	5	2			312	Dec. '05	50	.....	258 25		
385	5	4	4	1	5				60	Jun 1906	18 50	.....	68 25		
386	6	6	5		1	1			71	“	.....		56 75		
387	4	6	7		2				42	“	.....		43 50		
388	.....								36	Jun 1905	40 50	.....	1 00		
389	11	10	6		3				44	Jun 1906	.....		43 25		
390	3				4				27	Dec. '05	6 25	.....	22 25		
391	13	14	15		4	3	3		77	Jun 1906	.....		77 50		
392	6	5	4	1		1			62	“	.....		34 25		
393	6	6	4		5	1			39	“	19 00	.....	37 75		
394	6	5	5	1	1	1			2	75	“	1 00	.....	51 00	
395	2				1	3			50	“	.....		35 50		
396	15	12	13	4	6	1	3		112	“	.....		113 50		
397	5	5	5		3				1	60	Dec. '05	10 00	.....	43 00	
398	3	2	2		3		5		2	35	Jun 1906	.....	58 50		
399	.....								3	26	“	.....	19 25		
400	2	3	6	1	3	1			126	“	25	.....	96 50		
401	2	1	2	2	2				62	Dec. '05	.....		40 00		
402	1	1	3		4	1			55	Jun 1906	.....		68 00		
403	17	18	15	6	5		5		206	“	3 00	.....	176 50		
404	14	13	13		1	1			59	“	.....	10 00	70 75		
405	4	5	4	1	5		5		2	87	“	3 00	.....	57 75	
406	8	5	5	1	1		2		1	70	“	.....	63 75		
408	8	7	6		5	1	1		40	“	.....	3 00	58 50		
409	15	15	12	2	1	1			1	74	“	40 00	.....		
410	22	18	20	1	3	2	1		2	202	“	20 00	.....	171 50	
411	.....								38	Jun 1905	2 00	.....	14 25		
412	14	16	24	7	6	1	1		2	237	Jun 1906	4 50	188 50		
413	.....								77	Jun 1905	.....		45 50		
414	8	8	6	3	1				2	115	June '06	3 00	40 75		

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

RETURNS OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 24, 1906,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
415	aFort William	Fort William	2d Wednesday	Geo. A. Grant...	E. E. Wood.....
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu. on or b.f.m	Rev. T. A. Smith	J. C. Mcrady.....
417	aKeewatin	Keewatin Mis	1st Friday.....	W. D. Armstrong	A. J. Holmes.....
418	aMaxville	Maxville	2nd Tuesday...	A. J. McEwen...	D. A. Irvine.....
419	aBismarck	Pt. Edward	2nd Monday...	J. E. Mitchell...	B. F. George.....
420	Nipissing	North Bay	2nd Monday...	Henry Atchison	H. W. Angus.....
421	aScott	Grand Valley	W. on or b. f.m	Geo. Mutrie	Wm. McIntyre.....
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	W. on or b. f.m	Alonzo Ellwood	J. H. McLeod.....
423	aStroug	Sundridge	3d Monday...	A. E. French	W. W. Robertson
424	aDoric	Pickering	Th. on or b.f.m	G. W. P. Every...	D. E. Pugh.....
425	aSt. Clair	Sombra	Tu. on or b.f.m	W. W. Stover	O. A. Smith.....
426	aStanley	W. Tor. Junc	1st Tuesday....	Thos. Ferguson	Wm. Harris.....
427	aNickel	Sudbury	1st Wednes'dy	W. J. Montgom'ry	Geo. T. Coleman
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	F. on or b. f.m	Chas. H. Allison	W. H. Hutcheson
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin	Th. on or b.f.m	A. G. Miller	Geo. W. Smith.....
430	aAcacia	East Toronto	3rd Monday...	J. W. Johnston	R. Geo. Allen.....
431	Moravian	Eden Grove	F. on or a.f.m	Thos. Chittick	Wm. J. McKee.....
432	aHanover	Hanover	F. on or b.f.m	F. J. Tizzard	Geo. Rozel.....
433	aBonnechere	Eganville	2nd Monday...	Jas. Reeves	Robt. Bannerm'n
434	aAlgonquin	Emsdale	Tu. on ora.f.m	D. W. Campbell	A. W. Freeland.....
435	aHavelock	Havelock	F. on or b.f.m	A. Kniwassner	Ward Patterson
436	aBurns	Hepworth	Tu. on or a.f.m	Robt. E. Reid	A. J. Reid.....
437	aTuscan	Sarnia	3d Wednesday	C. S. Cameron	Geo. P. Wenino.....
438	aHarmony	Toronto	4th Monday...	A. M. Kennedy	W. T. Martin.....
439	aAlexandria	Alexandr a.	1st Tuesday...	John Simpson	E. F. Tiffany.....
440	Acadia	Minden	F. on or b.f.m	D. J. Hartle	W. S. Munro.....
441	Westport	Westport	1st Friday....	W. C. Taylor	M. S. Crozier.....
442	aDyment	Thessalon	Th on or b.f.m	D. J. Sandie	Jas. Gascoigne.....
443	aPowassan	Powassan	2nd Friday...	A. H. Porter	Geo. R. Coombs
444	aNitetus	Creemore	Tu. on ora.f.m	Alex. Earl	S. J. Fisher.....
445	aL'ke of the Woods	Kenora	2nd Wednes'y.	D. T. Ferguson	W. A. Wilson.....
446	aGranite	Fort Frances	Tu. on or b.f.m	H. J. Sisons	F. V. Hollands.....
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Fl's	M. on or b.f.m	T. H. Connors	C. S. Stoddart.....
448	Xenopho i	Wheatley	Tu. on or b.f.m	Wm. C. Dainty	E. Hanson.....
449	aDundalk	Dundalk	W. on or b.f.m	D. B. Armstrong	E. Mountcastle.....
450	aHawkesbury	Hawkesbury	Thursdy b.f.m	W. R. Montgom'ry	John Sherman.....
451	aSomerville	Kimount	Th. on or b.f.m	Rich. Smith	Amos Train.....
452	aAvonmore	Avonmore	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. A. McPherson	S. Shaver.....
453	Royal	Ft. William	1st Wednesday	John McRae	F. C. Perry.....
454	aCorona	Burk's Falls	1st Monday.	J. W. Harris	Rv. R. J. Sturgeon
455	Doric	Little Cur'nt	Tu. on or b.f.m	B. H. Turner	G. R. Powell.....
456	Elma	Monkton	Th. on or b.f.m	Geo. Golightly	A. Chalmers.....
457	Century	Merlin	1st Monday....	Chas. B. Oliver	W. W. Marshall.....
458	aWales	Wales	M on or b.f.m	O. C. Pitts	F. Warren.....
459	aCobden	Cobden	2d Tuesday...	Wm. N. Murdock	J. B. Craymer.....
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	Th. on or b.f.m	R. J. Gardner	Geo. R. Hawkins
461	aIonic	Rainy River	1st Thurs. e.m	A. A. McCrimmon	Geo. B. Cameron
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	Th. on or b.f.m	F. W. Haynes	Edwin Monagh'n
463	aNorth Entrance	Haliburton	4th Fri. e.m.	Sidney Johnson	A. E. Jones.....
464	King Edward	Sunderland	Fr. on or b.f.m	John L. Tipp	J. B. Furniss.....
465	Carleton	Carp	Fr. on or b.f.m	Robt. Richardson	T. E. Argue.....
466	aCoronation	Elmvale	1st Friday....	W. A. Sneath	W. J. McGuire.....
468	Peel	Caledon East	Fr. on or b.f.m	John Macabe	A. P. Potter.....
467	Tottenham	Tottenham	Fr. on or b.f.m	Thos. Coulter	J. W. Phillips.....
469	Algoma	Sa'ltSt. Marie	2nd Wedn's y'	W. L. Nichols	John R. Brown.....
470	Victoria	Vic. Harbor	Th on or b.f.m	E. Byron Brown	D. G. MacRobbie
471	King Edward VII.	Chippewa	1st Wed., E. M.	Rich. Beamish	Carl A. Herber.....
472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay ..	1st Wed., E. M.	Jos. Johnson	C. C. Platt.....
473	The Beach-rs	Balmy Beach	2nd Friday...	J. McP. Ross	W. J. Farmery.....
474	Victoria	Toronto Jun.	3rd Tuesday...	Wm. J. Sheppard	Wm. E. Birrell.....
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	3rd Saturday...	John Hooper	G. H. Lanigan.....
476	Corinthian	North Gower	Fr. on or b.f.m	Clarke Craig	A. E. McCordick.....
477	Harding	Woodville	Fr. on or a. f.m	A. A. Stback	Peter McIntyre.....
U.D	Bancroft	Bancroft	Th. on or b.f.m	John Ballard	J. B. Cleake.....
U.D	Milverton	Milverton	M. on or b. f.m	Wm. G. Livingston	W. J. Zoeger.....
U.D	Russell	Russell	W. on or b.f.m	David Wishart	W. H. Lowrie.....
U.D	Williamsburg	N. W'nsburg	C. F. Whitaker

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No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed	Raised	Joined	With- drawn	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Exp'y'd	Rest'd.	Total M'mbs	Jun1906	Last Ret'r'n	Ledger.			Paid Grand Lodge
														Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.		
415	16	18	22	1	2	1	4		1	125	Jun1906	\$ 8 00	\$ 136 50
416	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	.....	75	Dec. '05	.....	75	.....	.....	21 25
417	2	2	3	1	1	2	5	.....	.....	63	Jun1906	2 25	.....	.....	.....	36 50
418	6	4	4	3	3	1	6	.....	.....	80	.....	3 60	.....	.....	.....	53 75
419	3	3	4	3	3	1	5	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	68 75
420	11	9	8	3	3	1	6	.....	.....	118	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	112 25
421	6	4	6	1	2	1	2	.....	.....	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81 75
422	7	7	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	14 00
423	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 75
424	3	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	.....	6 25	.....	.....	.....	25 00
425	9	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
426	16	19	16	2	6	2	2	.....	.....	243	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	175 00
427	11	5	8	2	2	2	2	.....	.....	146	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	102 75
428	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	Jun1905	.....	50	.....	.....	12 50
429	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	Jun1906	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00
430	11	9	5	4	1	1	1	.....	.....	124	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	115 00
431	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	50	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	39 00
432	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	Jun1905	1 50	.....	.....	.....	24 75
433	9	12	13	1	6	2	2	.....	.....	50	Jun1906	3 00	.....	.....	.....	61 50
434	1	3	3	1	2	1	7	.....	.....	50	Dec. '05	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
435	3	3	5	.....	1	1	2	1	.....	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 50
436	2	2	2	4	2	1	1	.....	.....	35	Jun1906	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 50
437	16	13	15	5	3	1	2	.....	.....	134	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	133 25
438	43	40	37	4	5	6	7	.....	.....	307	.....	34 00	.....	.....	.....	257 25
439	9	11	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 00
440	5	5	4	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	.....	5 75	.....	.....	.....	44 50
441	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	Dec. '05	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 25
442	10	10	5	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	77	Jun1906	1 00	.....	.....	.....	68 75
443	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	Dec. '05	2 25	.....	.....	.....	32 50
444	3	5	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86 50
445	2	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	31	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	52 00
446	5	1	3	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	56	Jun1906	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 25
447	6	3	5	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	57	.....	7 25	.....	.....	.....	1 00
448	5	4	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	36	Dec. '05	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 00
449	6	9	7	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	Jun1906	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 75
450	2	3	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58 75
451	2	3	6	.....	5	1	1	.....	1	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 50
452	9	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	.....	17 75	.....	.....	.....	11 00
453	20	12	10	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	40 00
454	5	3	3	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	44	.....	20 75	.....	.....	.....	1 00
455	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	Jun1905	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 75
456	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	Dec. '05	.....	4 00	.....	.....	33 25
457	9	6	6	2	1	1	7	.....	.....	25	Jun1906	48 75	.....	.....	.....	18 00
458	3	3	3	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	56	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	37 50
459	5	7	8	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95 50
460	2	3	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	50	Dec. '05	.....	25	.....	.....	37 50
461	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	Jun1905	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 25
462	13	10	7	4	4	1	.....	.....	.....	56	Jun1906	3 00	.....	.....	.....	75 50
463	3	3	2	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	26 00
464	10	11	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 75
465	4	8	7	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	.....	12 25	.....	.....	.....	22 00
466	12	13	12	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 25
467	5	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	37 50
468	6	5	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 75
469	11	18	15	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	190 50
470	8	7	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	.....	4 10	.....	.....	.....	88 25
471	13	12	12	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88 75
472	19	19	18	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95 75
473	22	22	15	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	69 50
474	38	30	26	17	1	1	.....	.....	.....	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	137 75
475	14	12	11	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77 25
476	20	19	15	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	53 25
477	24	14	13	1	37	6 00	20 00	
Ban.	11	20 00	26 00	
Mil.	7	4	20	Jun1906	26 00	
Rus.	11	20 00	
U. D.	

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29031 53
Interest..... 4820 91
Miscellaneous..... 530 25

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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1. (24.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. N. Fraser, Thanesville.

No.	34, Thistle.....	Amherstburg	No.	336, Highgate.....	Highgate
"	41, St. George.....	Kingsville	"	386, McColl.....	West Lorne
"	46, Wellington.....	Chatham	"	390, Florence.....	Florence
"	47, Great Western	Windsor	"	391, Howard.....	Ridgetown
"	245, Tecumseh.....	Thanesville	"	395, Parvaim.....	Comber
"	255, Sydenham.....	Dresden	"	402, Central.....	Essex
"	267, Parthenon	Chatham	"	403, Windsor.....	Windsor
"	274, Kent.....	Blenheim	"	411, Rodney.....	Rodney
"	282, Lorne	Glencoe	"	413, Naphtali	Tilbury Centre
"	290, Leamington.....	Leamington	"	422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell
"	312, Pnyx.....	Wallaceburg	"	448, Xenophon.....	Wheatley
"	327, The Hammond... .	Wardsville	"	457, Century.....	Merlin

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Stewart McWhorter, Petrolia.

No.	56 Victoria.....	Sarnia	No.	294, Moore.....	Courtright
"	81, St. John's	Mt. Brydges	"	307, Arkona	Arkona
"	83, Beaver.....	Strathroy	"	323, Alvinston	Alvinston
"	116, Cassia	Thedford	"	328, Ionic	Napier
"	153, Burns	Wyoming	"	364, Dufferin	Melbourne
"	158, Alexandra	Oil Springs	"	392, Huron	Camlachie
"	194, Petrolea.....	Petrolea	"	397, Leopold	Brigden
"	238, Havelock	Watford	"	419, Bismarck	Point Edward
"	260, Washington	Petrolea	"	425, St. Clair	Sombra
"	263, Forest.....	Forest	"	437, Tuscan	Sarnia

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3. (26.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. F. O'Neil, Thanesford.

No.	20, St. John's	London	No.	239, Doric	Lobo
"	42, St. George's	London	"	300, Mt. Olivet	Thordale
"	44, St. Thomas	St. Thomas	"	302, St. David's	St. Thomas
"	64, Kilwinning	London	"	330, Corinthian	London East
"	94, St. Mark's	Port Stanley	"	344, Merrill...Dorchester Station	
"	107, St. Paul's.....	Lambeth	"	345, Nilesstown	Nilestown
"	120, Warren	Fingal	"	358, Delaware Valley... .	Delaware
"	140, Malahide	Aylmer	"	378, King Solomon's... .	London W
"	171, Prince of Wales ..	Lawrence	"	379, Middlesex	Bryanston
"	190, Belmont	Belmont	"	380, Union	London
"	195, Tuscan	London	"	388, Henderson	Ilderton
"	209a, St. John's	London	"	394, King Solomon	Thanesford
"	232, Cameron	Dutton	"	399, Moffat	Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4. (17.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. G. Holley, New Hamburg.

No.	33, Maitland	Goderich	No.	224, Zurich	Hensall
"	73, St. James'	St. Mary's	"	233, Doric	Parkhill
"	84, Clinton	Clinton	"	303, Blyth	Blyth
"	133, Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter	"	309, Morning Star	Smith's Hill
"	141, Tudor	Mitchell	"	318, Wilmot	Baden
"	144, Tecumseh	Stratford	"	332, Stratford	Stratford
"	154, Irving	Lucan	"	456, Elma	Monkton
"	170, Britanni'a	Seaforth	"	U.D. Milverton	Milverton
"	205, New Domini'n. New Hamb'g				

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. J. Cameron, Wiarton.

No.	93, Northern Light.....	Kincardine	No.	331, Fordwich	Fordwich
"	131, St. Lawrence.....	Southampton	"	341, Bruce	Tiverton
"	162, Forest	Wroxeter	"	362, Maple Leaf	Tara
"	184, Old Light	Lucknow	"	393, Forest	Chesley
"	197, Saugeen	Walkerton	"	396, Cedar	Wiarton
"	225, Bernard	Listowel	"	429, Port Elgin	Port Elgin
"	235, Aldworth	Paisley	"	431, Moravian	Eden Grove
"	276, Teeswater	Teeswater	"	432, Hanover	Hanover
"	284, St. John's	Brussels	"	436, Burns	Hepworth
"	286, Wingham	Wingham			

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. W. Dutton, Woodstock.

No.	10, Norfolk.....	Simcoe	No.	149, Erie.....	Port Dover
"	37, King Hiram.....	Ingersoll	"	174, Walsingham,.....	Port Rowan
"	43, King Solomon.....	Woodstock	"	178, Flatts'v'l e.....	Plattsburgh
"	68, St. John's.....	Ingersoll	"	181, Orien'al.....	Port Burwell
"	76, Oxford.....	Woodstock	"	193, Scotland.....	Scotland
"	78, King Hiram.....	Tilesenburg	"	217, Frederick.....	Delhi
"	82, St. John's.....	Paris	"	237, Vienna.....	Vienna
"	104, St. John's.....	Norwich	"	250, Thistle.....	Embro
"	106, Burford.....	Burford	"	261, Oak Br'nc.....	Innerkip
"	108, Blenheim.....	Princeton	"	359, Vittoria.....	Vittoria
"	113, Wilson	Waterford			

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John Jardine, Hespeler.

No.	72, Alma.....	Galt	No.	279, New Hope.....	Hespeler
"	151, The Grand River.....	Berlin	"	295, Conestogo.....	Drayton
"	172, Ayr.....	Ayr	"	297, Preston.....	Preston
"	180, Speed.....	Guelph	"	306, Durham.....	Durham
"	200, St. Albans.....	Mount Forest	"	314, Blair.....	Palmerston
"	203, Irvine	Elora	"	315, Clifford.....	Clifford
"	216, Harris.....	Orangeville	"	334, Prince Arthur.....	Arthur
"	257, Galt.....	Galt	"	347, Mercer.....	Fergus
"	258, Guelph.....	Guelph	"	361, Waverly	Guelph
"	262, Harriston.....	Harriston	"	421, Scott.....	Grand Valley
"	271, Wellington.....	Erin			

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Lyman Lee, Hamilton.

No.	6, The Barton	Hamilton	No.	166, Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek
"	27, Strict Observance	Hamilton	"	219, Credit	Georgetown
"	40, St. John's.....	Hamilton	"	243, St. George.....	St. George
"	45, Brant.....	Brantford	"	272, Seymour.....	Ancaster
"	57, Harmony.....	Binbrook	"	291, Dufferin.....	West Flamboro'
"	61, Acacia.....	Hamilton	"	321, Walker.....	Acton West
"	62, St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia	"	324, Temple.....	Hamilton
"	100, Valley.....	Dundas	"	357, Waterdown	Millgrove
"	121, Doric.....	Brantford	"	382, Doric.....	Hamilton
"	135, St. Clair.....	Milton	"	400, Oakville.....	Oakville
"	165, Burlington	Burlington	"	475, Dundurn	Hamilton

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (23.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. H. Wright, Owen Sound.

No.	79, Simcoe	Bradford	No.	304, Minerva.....	Stroud
"	88, St. George's.....	Owen Sound	"	322, North Star.....	Owen Sound
"	90, Manito.....	Collingwood	"	333, Prince Arthur.....	Flesherton
"	96, Corinthian.....	Barrie	"	348, Georgian.....	Penetanguishene
"	137, Pythagoras	Meaford	"	377, Lorne.....	Sheilburne
"	192, Orillia.....	Orillia	"	385, Spry.....	Beeton
"	230, Kerr	Barrie	"	444, Nitetus	Creemore
"	234, Beaver.....	Clarksburg	"	449, Dundalk	Dundalk
"	236, Manitoba.....	Cookstown	"	466, Coronation	Elmvale
"	249, Caledonian	Midland	"	467, Tottenham	Tottenham
"	266, Northern Light	Stayner	"	470, Victoria	Victoria Harbor
"	285, Seven Star.....	Alliston			

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. B. J. Leubsdorf, St. Catharines.

No.	2, Niagara.....	Niagara	No.	221, Mountain.....	Thorold
"	7, Union.....	Grimsby	"	254, Clifton	Niagara
"	15, St. George's.....	St. Catharines	"	277, Seymour	Port Dalhousie
"	32, Amity.....	Dunville	"	296, Temple.....	St. Catharines
"	35, St. John's.....	Cayuga	"	319, Hiram	Hagersville
"	103, Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	"	329, King Solomon	Jarvis
"	108, St. Mark's.....	Drummondville	"	337, Myrtle.....	Port Robinson
"	115, Ivy.....	Beamsville	"	338, Dufferin	Wellandport
"	168, Merritt.....	Welland	"	372, Palmer.....	Bridgeburg
"	169, Macnab.....	Port Colborne	"	373, Copestone	Welland
"	185, Enniskillen	York	"	471, King Edward VII.....	Chippewa

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 11. (22).

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Toronto Junction.

No.	22, King Solomon's.....	Toronto	No.	305, Humber.....	Weston
"	54, Vaughan.....	Maple	"	311, Blackwood.....	Woodbridge
"	65, Rehoboam.....	Toronto	"	326, Zetland.....	Toronto
"	86, Wilson.....	Toronto	"	346, Occident.....	Toronto
"	98, True Blue.....	Bolton	"	356, River Park.....	Streetsville
"	118, Union.....	Schomberg	"	369, Minico.....	Lambton Mills
"	156, York.....	North Toronto	"	384, Alpha.....	Toronto
"	229, Ionic.....	Brampton	"	426, Stanley.....	Toronto Junction
"	247, Ashlar.....	Toronto	"	438, Harmony.....	Toronto
"	265, Patterson.....	Thornhill	"	468, Peel.....	Caledon East
"	292, Robertson.....	King	"	474, Victoria.....	Toronto Junction

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT NO. 11a. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. D. A. Radcliffe, Aurors.

No.	16, St. Andrew's.....	Toronto	No.	269, Brougham Union.....	Brougham
"	23, Richmond.....	Richmond Hill	"	316, Doric.....	Toronto
"	25, Ionic.....	Toronto	"	339, Orient.....	Toronto
"	75, St. John's.....	Toronto	"	343, Georgina.....	Toronto
"	87, Markham Union.....	Markham	"	354, Brock.....	Cannington
"	97, Sharon.....	Sharon	"	367, St. George.....	Toronto
"	99, Tuscan.....	Newmarket	"	410, Zeta.....	Toronto
"	129, The Rising Sun.....	Aurora	"	424, Doric.....	Pickering
"	136, Richardson.....	Stouffville	"	430, Acacia.....	East Toronto
"	218, Stevenson.....	Toronto	"	473, The Beaches.....	Balmy Beach
"	220, Zeredatha.....	Uxbridge			

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 12 (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. G. Hutcheson, Port Perry.

No.	30, Composite.....	Whitby	No.	408, Murray.....	Beaverton
"	39, Mount Zion.....	Brooklin	"	428, Fidelity.....	Port Perry
"	77, Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay	"	440, Arcadia.....	Minden
"	139, Lebanon.....	Oshawa	"	451, Somerville.....	Kinmount
"	268, Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon	"	463, North Entrance.....	Haliburton
"	270, Cedar.....	Oshawa	"	464, King Edward.....	Sunderland
"	398, Victoria.....	Kirkfield	"	477, Harding.....	Woodville
"	406, The Spry.....	Fenelon Falls			

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT. NO. 13. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. F. L. Webb, Colborne.

No.	11, Moira.....	Belleville	No.	126, Golden Rule.....	Campbellford
"	17, St. John's.....	Cobourg	"	127, Franck.....	Frankford
"	18, Prince Edward.....	Picton	"	161, Percy.....	Warkworth
"	29, United.....	Brighton	"	164, Star in the East.....	Wellington
"	38, Trent.....	Trenton	"	215, Lake.....	Ameliasburg
"	48, Madoc.....	Madoc	"	222, Marmora.....	Marmora
"	50, Consecon.....	Consecon	"	239, Tweed.....	Tweed
"	69, Stirling.....	Stirling	"	283, Eureka.....	Belleville
"	91, Colborne.....	Colborne	"	401, Craig.....	Deseronto
"	123, The Belleville.....	Belleville	"	U. D. Bancroft.....	Bancroft

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Jackson, Kingston.

No.	3, The Ancient St. John's.....	Kingston	No.	212, Elysian.....	Garden Island
"	9, Union.....	Napanee	"	228, Prince Arthur.....	Odessa
"	92, Cataraqui.....	Kingston	"	253, Minden.....	Kingston
"	109, Albion.....	Harrowsmith	"	299, Victoria.....	Centreville
"	119, Maple Leaf.....	Bath	"	404, Lorne.....	Tauworth
"	146, Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh	"	441, Westport.....	Westport
"	157, Simpson.....	Newboro'	"	460, Rideau.....	Seeley's Bay
"	201, Leeds.....	Gananoque			

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15. (14.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. T. Martin, Smith's Falls.

No.	5, Sussex.....	Brockville	No.	110, Central.....	Prescott
"	14, True Britons.....	Perth	"	242, Macoy.....	Mallorytown
"	24, St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls	"	368, Salem.....	Brockville
"	28, Mount Zion.....	Kemptville	"	370, Harmony.....	Delta
"	55, Merrickville.....	Merrickville	"	387, Lansdowne.....	Lansdowne
"	74, St. James.....	Bethel	"	399, Crystal Fountain.....	N. Augusta
"	85, Rising Sun.....	Farmersville	"	416, Lyn.....	Lyn

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Northwood, Ottawa.

No. 52, Dalhousie.....	Ottawa	No. 209, Evergreen.....	Lanark
" 58, Doric	Ottawa	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity.....	Ottawa
" 63, St. John's..Carleton Place		" 264, Chaudiere	Ottawa
" 122, Renf ew.....	Renfrew	" 371, Prince of Wales.....	Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke.....	Pembroke	" 433, Bonnechere	Eganville
" 147, Mississippi.....	Almonte	" 459, Cobden.....	Cobden
" 148, Civil Service.....	Ottawa	" 465, Carleton	Carp
" 159, Goodwood.....	Richmond	" 476, Corinthian	North Gower
" 177, The Builders'.....	Ottawa	U.D. Russell	Russell
" 196, Madawaska	Arnprior		

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17. (8.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. C. J. Holland, Fort Frances.

No. 287, Shuniah.....	Port Arthur	No. 445, Lake of the Woods.....	Kenora
" 414, Pequonga	Kenora	" 446, Granite.....	Fort Frances
" 415, Fort William..Fort William		" 453, Royal	Fort William
" 417, Keewatin	Keewatin	" 461, Ionic	Rainy River

NIPISSING DISTRICT NO. 18. (10.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, Sault Ste. Marie.

No. 405, Mattawa	Mattawa	No. 447, Sturgeon F'ls, Sturgeon F'ls	
" 412, Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie	" 455, Doric	Little Current
" 420, Nipissing	North Bay	" 462, Temiscaming, New Liskeard	
" 427, Nickel.....	Sudbury	" 469, Algoma.....	Sault Ste. Marie
" 442, Dyment	The salon	" 472, Gore Bay.....	Gore Bay

MUSKOKA DISTRICT, NO. 19. (8.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. James Whitten, Bracebridge.

No. 352, Granite.....	Fairy Sound	No. 423, Strong	Sundridge
" 360, Muskoka	Bracebridge	" 434, Algonquin	Emsdale
" 376, Unity	Huntsville	" 443, Powassan	Powassan
" 409, Golden Rule...Gravenhurst		" 454, Corona.....	Burke's Falls

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20. (13.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. E. R. Bounalls, Bownanville.

No. 26, Ontario	Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood	Norwood
" 31, Jerusalem	Bownanville	" 313, Clementi	Lakefield
" 66, Durham	Newcastle	" 325, Orono	Orono
" 101, Corinthian	Peterborough	" 374, Keene	Keene
" 113, Hope	Port Hope	" 375, Lorne	Onomees
" 145, J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook	" 435, Havelock	Havelock
" 155, Peterborough.....	Peterborough		

EASTERN DISTRICT, NO. 21. (15.)

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. S. S. Reveler, Winchester.

No. 21a, St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	No. 383, Henderson..West Winchester	
" 125, Cornwall	Cornwall	" 418, Maxville.....	Maxville
" 142, Excelsior.....	Morrisburg	" 439, Alexandria	Alexandria
" 143, Friendly Brothers..Iroquois		" 450, Hawkesbury ..	Hawkesbury
" 186, Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet	" 452, Avonmore.....	Avonmore
" 207, Lancaster	Lancaster	" 458, Wales	Wales
" 256, Farran's Point	Aultsville	U.D. Williamsburg ..	N.W'nsburg
" 320, Chesterville	Chesterville		

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No.	1...	24 Lodges.
St. Clair	" "	2	20 ..
London	" "	3	26 ..
South Huron	" "	4	17 ..
North Huron	" "	5	19 ..
Wilson	" "	6	21 ..
Wellington	" "	7	21 ..
Hamilton	" "	8	22 ..
Georgian	" "	9	23 ..
Niagara	" "	10	22 ..
Toronto West	" "	11	22 ..
Toronto East	" "	11a	21 ..
Ontario	" "	12	15 ..
Prince Edward	" "	13	20 ..
Frontenac	" "	14	15 ..
St. Lawrence	" "	15	14 ..
Ottawa	" "	16	19 ..
Algoma	" "	17	8 ..
Nipissing	" "	18	10 ..
Muskoka	" "	19	8 ..
Otonabee	" "	20	13 ..
Eastern	" "	21	15 ..

SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D., 1905-6.

No. 3—John Y White. 9—Alex Henry, Thos W Simpson. 10—John A Hook, Hubert Wickens, Jas T Craig. 11—C C Gerow, C Williams, W Kinghorn, W J McManus. 16—Jas M Coghill, G L Powell. 21a—Alex R Fraser, Rory John McRae, Alex McIntosh. 22—Ed Hanlan, W J Shortreed, D Tullock. 26—M D Welsu, W S Corners, B C Jones, Thos H Campion, W Walter. 31—F Moore, E T Moses, J H Pearce, D J Perry, A Westlick. 32—S W Brown. 34—Anthony Hatt, J A Paten, F C Robbins. 40—J L Coles, W J Hall, G W Allan, John Elliot, T L Kay, R Hill. 43—Isaac Gerry, John Thompson. 44—Wm J Robb. 45—M J Kelly, John Morley, C E Oles, B Puschiusky, C W Rutherford, G W Morris, C P Coles. 47—Chas George, Wm Belsome, Jos Reynolds, Wm Wear. 52—J B Hall, Jas E S Trelawney. 53—Robt Soper. 56—Geo R Dowswell, P D Leman, R McKnight, John D Ross, R J Tritthewey, Geo L Vincent, E P Westell, S G Branch, Alex Campbell. 57—Geo Dobbin, John Pearson, Wm Snyder, Fred C Overend. 61—W A Inwood, H Humphreys, Hy Freeman, A H McManus, Samuel Minnes. 64—J J Gaipin, H E Silk, A S Leys, Alex McQueen, Robt A Little. 65—Robt Veitch, John L Pincombe, Ed W Pike. 75—H A Jex. 76—Alf Vincent, J W Pringle, E M Karn. 84—R A Barton, P D Crews, S Jackson, W S Lawrence, J B Rumball, Wm Downs. 88—John Rutherford, W H Sinclair, A McKay, A McNab, Wm T Weaver, L J Pyette, T J Couse, J G Somerville, G M Franklin, L E Davis. 92—Frank Frizell. 93—John Welsh. 98—E A Halshaw. 100—Alex C Thompson. 106—Chas N Wooden. 107—Alex Taylor, C A Kalus, Wm Shore, D Irvine, A Scott. 108—Hy Thomas, Chas G Routledge. 109—John Carrothers. 110—John Turner. 115—Robt S Merrill. 121—H J Beney, Chas Bray, J J Eberhardt. 122—Wm A Cameron, J D Cameron. 123—W W Boyce, R A Choquette. 125—Geo T Copeland. 127—W A Johnson. 129—T G Holmes. 137—W C W Burns, Reuben Petch. 139—Wm E Ellis. 140—N Burgess. 143—W F Fisher, S G Moore. 144—John Laudor, G Beck, John Brunner, C H Solley, J W Steinhoff, James Hodd, Geo Wettlaufer. 146—Fred H O Stinson. 156—John Cudmore, J A McDonald, W L Anderson, S J Madden, Wm Telfer, W J Hansford, Harry Spittal, Arch Braut, Thos E Kyle. 159—Geo W Alexander. 161—And Marks. 162—Thos Gibson. 168—R Mylchriest, John Moote. 174—Jos. Carter. 184—Geo A Siddell, Jas Lyons, Hugh Morrison, D F Johnston, David Yule, John Gillies. 192—C E C Newton, C R Harvie, Wm L Gillespie, Hy Borland, Wm J Spence, D J Hadden, C J Swartman, G A Griffith, J E Smythe, A Colley. 193—Chas Day. 194—H Smiley, L Blackwell. 209a—J A Ardiel, Leonard L Hennah. 216—Wm Stubbs, R J McConnell, R W Dickie, W H McKinnon, Robt McCutcheon. 217—Stephen Dennis. 218—Alex Auchincloss, I Badger, Geo B Bishopric, Wm C Coaboy, John A Nicholson, W R Pearce, N A Pratt. 220—Geo Thompson, Wm H Moore. 222—Robt Haughton, J N Hamilton, J G Wood, W J Jones, F Adams, A W Vars, E Davies, S F Turner. 223—Chris Wissler. 225—H H Johnston, L E Rice. 226—Anson Storms, J H McCumber. 229—F M Dawson. 230—W D B Spray. 242—R P Hagerman, Thos Murphy. 249—W A Hunter, L N Sirrell, Wm L Watt. 254—Stephen Clark, A Grav, Wm Lockey, Geo Clark. 255—Wm Colville, Jno Mansfield, A J Davies, S H McWha. 257—W W Brandt, A L Kay, S E Melross, Wm Kilgour, John Allison, Wm Blyth. 258—A Cordiner, F H Pratt, H Gerry, A C Drummond, Thos Clarey, R J Bennett, R Humphries. 265—Andrew Miller. 267—E Bedford, S Kearney, D R Lotkie, Hector Lamont, Geo McLeod, John McBeath, F Seam, John A Tilt, Geo R Groombridge. 269—J N Horthop, H A Wetherell. 270—C Coonor, F S Edmondson. 276—Chas Armstrong, C A Steel, B Sheppard. 277—W H Bates, Harvey Peters, Perry Nelson. 279—J J Caws. 286—J S Borden, S E Kent, R C King, W H Mainprize, Jas R Munshaw, Wm R Orr. 289—G H. Routledge, W McGibbon, Gardner Tuckey, A E Morris. 290—A L Brown. 297—Wm R Webster. 302—Stewart Eastlick. 306—Jas H Burrows. 309—A E Brundson, Wm Howell, Hiram Fleming, David Fell. 312—P Crawford, Jas Rikely, D A McDonald, R Charteris, W H Cutterback. 318—Alf Kaufman. 321—Fred E Ryder. 326—Fred G Crone, Ed A Laver. 329—Jas August. 332—Robt McIntosh. 334—John F Mitchell, Geo Banks. 336—Robt McPhail, W H McLaten. 338—Walter Clendenning. 339—P M Bates, W J Gilbert, A W Gee, D Hunter, Sr., Jas B Kerr, Alex McIntosh, K A McRae, Wm Russell, D T Smith, R G Wright, Geo J Mason. 343—John J Hall, John Lawrence. 345—John Richardson. 346—Jos Atkins, Gil Sharland, Jas Shaw. 352—Thos McN Ward. 357—Geo Allison. 361—Geo A Back, H H A B Calvert, Geo A Griffin, Geo A Gibson, Arch Turner, Wm J Hyslop. 362—Jos A Sharp, A M K Dick. 369—Ed Barrow, J R Berry. 370—John E Brown, Jos P Shermin, G Austin, John Puttinham. 372—John J Lewis. 373—R A Johnston, E P Robins, Jas Nichols. 376—R Scarlett, A McLennan, Thos Goldie, Wm Mayhew, Robt H Menzies. 377—Wm B Elliott,

Jas Dickey, Geo H Peart, Jas M Stewart, Jas Tinney. 380—S H Burns, Edward Taylor, L A Schooley. 382—Chas G Gibson. 383—A E Nelson, E S Logie, Andrew Brown. 391—John Stalker, J C Smith, Delaskie Marr. 396—N Sproule, S Rodgers, C F Campbell. 398—J W Wood, John Ray, A Sawers, Jos V Staples, W H Decator. 403—Geo W Benson, S T Copus, J P Hall, Thos Higgins, Geo W Price. 405—Geo Hamblin, R G Plan, J S Hogarth, H J Bolitho, J R McCombie. 406—F Sandford, D Smith. 408—Augustus Veale. 410—Robt J Palmer. 412—C A Brinkman. 415—Geo Cosgrove, J A Haskett, A E Farncombe, S D Edgar. 419—Thos Bubkitt, Wm Weston, H Carruthers, Harvey Neilson, Chas Miners. 420—W H Howey, W R Boucher, J D Cockburn, A J Tait, Wm Wilkinson, J Holdrith. 421—Wm A Linn, J A Trollope.

SUSPENSIONS, U. M. C., 1905-6.

No. 88—Robt Brebner. 120—Eeo E Taylor. 127—W A Black. 177—S B Whitcomb. 193—Joen Dlsbrow. 221—David Mattheson. 260—John Read. 290—Frank T Thompson.

EXPULSIONS, 1905-6.

No. 127—W A Black. 343—Lachlan T Locheed.

DEATHS, 1905-6.

No. 2—Andrew Putman, 2nd August, '05. 3—John Mudie, 27th September, '05; C F Gildersleeve, 18th January, '06; Geo M Kinghorn, 25th January, '06; R T Walkem, 23rd March, '06. 5—Launcelot de Carle, 26th July, '05; Hy Bramley, 23rd October, '05; D Booth, 26th March, '06; W H Weir, 15th June, '05; W Walls, 22nd June, '06. 6—J F McClure, 30th June, '05; Jas Adam, 2nd November, '05; S G Moore, 1st February, '06; F W Fearman, 1st March, '06; H C Birge, 19th March, 1906; D McMillan, 21st March, 1906. 7—William Davidson, 8th March, 1906; S M Culp, January, 1906. 9—H L Cook, 15th December, 1905. 10—John M Selley, 13th May, 1906; Thomas W Butler, 17th March, 1906. 11—John York, 28th July, 1905. 14—H H Roborts, 30th June, '05. 15—John M Wallace, 21st July, '05. 16—Thomas Ridout, 3rd July, '05; Wm G Phillips, 20th October, '05; E H Smith, 1st October, '05; J H McFaul, 23rd December, '05. 18—Wm M Burlingham, 1st July, '05; W T Shaw, 8th May, '06. 20—W J Barnes, 10th October, '05; C McRae, 28th October, '05; John Smith, 19th May, '06; W H Grönfil, 12th June, '06. 22—Pat Langton; Frau Maile, 1st December, '05; Geo R Bell, 28th January, '06. 23—Robt E Law, 14th May, '06. 24—Geo Peck, 13th August, '05; Jas Mumby, 28th December, '05; Jas W Crate, 22nd April, '06. 25—R W Barker, 6th August, '05; Villiers Sankey, 10th July, '05; A J Robertson, 14th April, '06. 26—J C Dickinson, 2nd March, '06. 27—S Atkin, 28th October, '05; John Campbell, 31st October, '05; L Edworthy, 31st October, '05; Robt George, 2nd October, '05; H J Long, 19th October, '06; W G Stark, 12th December, '05; Andrew Cowan, 10th May, '06; Geo E Hamilton, 25th February, '06; A Hulec, 5th April, '06; Aaron Carr, 2nd April, '06; Thos Irwin, 24th June '06. 29—J P Keeler, 6th November, '05. 31—Wm Wright, 15th July, '05; Jas Gilfillan, 13th November, '05. 32—A A Robbins, 12th May, '06. 33—Geo Ford, 27th September, '05; Wm Green, 3rd January, '06; J R Craigie, 25th February, '06. 34—Geo Gott, 28th August, '05. 37—Colville Walker, 20th March, '06; Jas McIntyre, 30th March, '06. 40—John Stewart, 20th March, '06. 42—F J Hood, 6th November, '05. 44—Geo Sheeks, 12th July, '05; Chas A Cole, 13th November, '05; Jas Carines, 8th June, '06. 45—J Fyle, 28th March, '06. 47—M G Medcalf, 16th December, '05; Jas Dyer, 30th June, '05; John Bowden, 9th July, '05; A W Joyce, 22nd February, '06; Rich Lambert, 14th April, '06. 48—Peter Vankleek, 9th October, '05; J B Church, 1st May, '06. 50—Robt S Jones, 27th March, '05. 52—Jas G Spencer, 20th January, '06. 53—Chas Scrim, 6th November, '05. 61—J G Laven, 22nd July, '05; C H Harvey, 2nd December, '05; Thos Tribute, 1st April, '06. 62—Norris Humphrey, 17th April, '06. 63—Jas Winthrope, 8th September, '05; A Nichol, 10th November, '05; Jas Miller, 12th April, '06. 64—John Oveell, 23rd September, '05; A M Sutherland, 23rd March, '06. 65—A W Burwell, 10th January, '05; C A Sippi, 16th May, '06; J R Minhinick, 14th February, '06. 65—Geo C Patterson, 2nd July, '05; Edw Pridam, 7th January, '06; Jos B Johnston, 31st January '06. 68—Arthur Curtis, 24th March, '06. 73—Ed W Harding, 27th October, '05. 74—Elgin Row, 7th January, '06. 75—Samuel Atkin, 18th September, '05. 76—W J Pennell, 17th November, '05; W S Wilkinson, 15th March, '06. 77—John W Bradshaw, 14th May, '06; Geo Lyte, 9th June, '06. 79—Benj Barnard, 18th April, '06. 80—J M Campbell, 26th May, '05; Geo C Graham, 29th May, '05. 84—Arthur Couch, 22nd December, '05. 86—Geo C Patterson, 2nd July, '05; J G Gibson, 9th December, '05; S Meadows, 19th February, '06; C F Yorke, 6th

April, 1906; William Hankamer, 18th April, 1906; R H C Crean, 20th June, 1906. 88—Peter Gillies, 31st May, 1906. 90—Hiram Davis, 8th March, 1906. 91—Harvey Fowler, 4th December, 1905. 91—William McNamee, 22nd August, 1905; William Parsons, 20th November, 1905. 93—Thomas Jennings, 22nd November, 1905; John Sellery, 19th March, 1906. 96—John Ormsgy, 13th April, 1906. 97—A T Doan, 20th January, 1906. 99—J H Widdifield, 3rd June, '06. 100—John Beitram, 5th April, '06; Wm Holloway, 8th April, '06. 103—John Doran, 2nd September, '05; R W Lawrie, 11th June, '06. 105—E Fisher, 26th July, '05. 109—Jas Cooke, 12th April, '06. 110—Peter Irving, 22 November, '05. 113—W I Cunningham, 20th March, '06. 114—Thos Spry, 12th October, '05; Geo Wilson, 5th August, '05. 115—Francis Newton, 30th March, '06. 119—W H Patterson, 20th October, '05. 121—Milton Baker, 23rd January, '06; Thos Bamford, 4th February, '06; S R Ickes, 25th April, '06; Jas W Digby, 29th May, '06. 122—Geo W McDonald, 16th November, '06; E G Cooper, 19th February, '06. 123—Rodger D Conger, 3rd December, '05. 125—A S Warwick, 28th April, '06. 126—Hy Bakes, 16th March, '06. 128—Neil McK Campbell, 3rd February, '06; R M Murdoch, 24th May, '06. 129—Geo Russell, 5th May, '06. 131—Jas Trimble, 10th December, '05. 133—Geo Smiwell, 26th January, '06. 136—J D Forsyth, 10th January, '06. 137—A C McLinnis, 17th December, '05. 139—L A Taylor, 24th December, '05. 140—L J Glover, 27th August, '05; Wm B Purdy, 19th February, '06. 144—John C Hill, 13th September, '05; John T Perry, 15th June, '06. 145—Geo Campbell, 29th October, '05. 146—Harvey Martin, 20th April, '06; R B Hope, 24th May, '06. 148—Jos Tomlinson, 10th June, '05. 149—Wm Caley, 19th September, '05; Ed Norquay, 20th September, '06. 155—A C McCallum, 23rd September, '05; Jas Byrne, 20th December, '05; Wm Thompson, 10th January, '06. 158—Wm Radford, 20th October, '05; John Q Braund, 2nd June, '05. 159—F J Davidson, 25th July, '05; John A Richardson, 30th March, '06. 161—Geo Gerrow, 13th January, '06. 165—Sam el Thomas, 2nd November, '05. 168—I P Wilson, 30th November, '05; W G Diffin, 4th February, '06. 169—Chas S Carter, 24th March, '06. 172—Chas McKay, 3rd March, '05. 177—C S Taggart, 7th April, '06. 178—N Lorimer, 2nd May, '06. 180—A Summers, 20th March, '06; Thos Steel, 30th March, '06; S R Hinckley, 8th June, '06. 190—John Boyd, 26th October, '05. 194—G S Crosbie, 17th August, '05. 197—Jas T Nichols, 26th Jaueary, '06. 201—Wm Bullock, 3rd September, '05; Robt Byers, 27th October, '05. 203—John Bowes, 9th August, '05; Thos P Smith, 25th October, '05. 205—A Steckle, 19th January '06. 206—W H Kalbfleish, 11th October, '05. 209a—Wm Hawthorne, 7th December, '05; Thos Orr, 6th March, '06; R J Blackwell, 19th March, '06; Jas W Martin, 7th April, '06. 209—Wm C Caldwell, 7th January, '05; Wm Gardner, 26th January, '06. 216—John McLaren, 18th February, '06. 217—Geo M Kilty, 29th May, '06. 218—C O Rockwood, 10th October, '05; Chas H Laister, 16th January, '06. 219—Geo S Goodwillie, 26th September, '05; Samuel Beaumont, 21st March, '06. 220—D M Card, 8th Jul, '05. 221—Benj H Lemon, 23th November, '05; David Mathewson, 26th July, 1905; William J Mitchell, 20th April, 1906. 222—Albert Inkster, 7th December, 1905. 223—Thomas Howson, 16th March, 1906; George McMillan, 27th April, 1906. 225—A B Scott, 2nd September, 1905; C L Francis, 7th September, 1904; Thomas Fullarton, 10th January, 1906; Adam Hess, 24th January, 1906. 229—John C Brown, 28th December, 1905; Henry Burnett, 28th December, 1905. 230—J McL Stevenson, 4th June, 1906. 233—John Ironside, 21st January, 1904; Alex C Reid, 24th May, '06. 238—William Arnold, 30th April, '06. 242—Josh Stewart, 20th December, '05; Jas Ferguson, 27th March, '06. 243—D Y Ross, 21st December, '05. 245—John Cudmore, 15th October, '05. 247—Victor Lee, 18th August, '05; W N Crone, 27th December, '05; J R C Fultor, 16th February, '06. 253—Robt W Barker, 12th August, '05; J B McKay, 4th May, '06; Jas Adams, 1st June, '06. 254—James Tattersall, 27th March, 1906. 256—C F Forbes, 25th March, 1906. 257—William A Cr ss, 8th March, 1906. 259—R Johnson, 27th June, 1905; Milton Baker, 23rd January, 1906. 260—George McKenzie, 22nd March, 1906. 263—Francis K nt, 11th February, 1906; James Clark, 23rd December, 1905. 264—W A Bangs, 1st August, 1905; A A Henderson, 3rd May, 1906; R C Dowar, 26th May, 1906. 269—John H Pritchard. 270—William H Warner, 18th August, 1905. 272—R G Templar, 9th January, 1906. 274—Robt Cumming, 27th May, '05. 276—Geo Colvin, 18th January, '06. 282—W L Hagerty, 30th September, '05; D A McRae, 11th February, '06. 285—H Mc Wright, 9th March, '06; Jas Funston, 1st April, '06. 286—W Corbould, 25th June, '05. 287—Edwin Emmons, 10th December, '05; R J Craig, 2nd February, '06. 289—Alex M Arthur, 14th May, '06. 291—John Simon, 30th November, '05; Thos Head, 1st April, '06. 296—E J Odlum; Henry Ja vis, 22nd December, '05. 297—R H Winter, 26th November, '05; Duncan McIntosh, 17th February, '06. 302—Thos Pinfold, 16th September, '05; John McPhail, 31st December, '05. 303—John Wallace, 12th Februa v, '06. 309—John Mitchell, 11th September, '05; Jesse Grummert, 20th May, '01. 312—A D Fulmer 11th August, '05; F McLennan, 7th March, '06. 314—Alex Hobson, 22nd December, '05; Freeborn Kee, 5th June, '06. 320—Wm Kennedy, 10th December, '05. 324—F Fitzgerald, 30th June, '05; Hugh Shaw, 24th December, '05. 325—John Carveth, 19th June,

'06. 326—Geo C Patterson, 2nd July, '05; Jas Wilson, 30th Sep tember, '05. 327—Thos A Milligan, 23th September, '05. 328—Harrison Thompson, 11th August, '05. 330—Wm Farmer, 20th March, '06. 331—Jas Foster, 14th May, '06. 332—Robt Yule, 23rd June, '06. 333—Rich A Park. 336—W H Ellwood, 19th April, '06. 337—C B eunett, 1th August, '05; John O'Brien, 17th November, '05; W H Bell, 1st July, '05; W J Abbey, 14th March, '06. 338—Peter Swa tz, 26th April, '06. 339—W H Michand, 11th October, '05; Thos Boyes, 6th November, '05; Thos Wiggins, 17th June, '06. 343—Jas Crane, 26th March, '06; Hy F Sharpe 5th April, '06; E A Dunkin 31st May, '06; A A McMichael, 1st June, '06. 345—Francis Barrows, 24th December, '05. 347—Jas Dass, 2nd August, '05. 352—Arthur Clark 22nd April, '06. 354—John Houston, 24th July, '06. 358—Jas Bradt, 22th Janu ary, '06. 359—Albert Wood, 27th September, '05. 361—Arch Little, 13th August, '05; Jas D Stirton, 17th November, '05. 367—Jas W Harper, 14th September, '05; Jos Wilson 30th September, '05; J J Thomson, 12th January, '06. 369—A Franklin, 11th September, '05. 370—W R Beaty, 8th February, '05. 372—John McKenzie, 22nd December, '05; Fred Spain 25th December, '05; A H McDonald, 22nd February, '06. 373—Isaac P Wilson, 30th November, '05; W J McCopper, 1st April, '06. 378—Geo B Phillips, 2nd May, '06. 380—W W Fitzgerald, 21st June, '05; John Boyd, 26th September, '05; H W Nigh, 5th February, '05. 386—W S Clark, 22nd July, '05; E O arey, 22nd December, '05; Ed Bates, 2nd February, '06; Fred Walter, 2nd March, '06. 383—J J Empey, 5th December, '05. 384—Geo L McBurney, 26th June, '05; Samuel Levy. 39—John Duck, 16th February, '05; Geo Middleditch, 29th January, '05; Ellerton Porter, 16th March, '05. 392—John Brown, 4th November, '05. 393—Wm Kyle, 7th April, '06. 394—Hy Herlick, 22nd December, '05. 396—Thos P Wil iamson, 9th May, '06. 400—Neil J McLutyre, 29th November, '05. 402—S G Brooker, 13th October, '05. 408—R H Gilbertson, June, '05. 409—H T Taplin, 24th March, '06. 410—Robt Craine, 26th July, '05; John Mason, 18th September, '05; Wm Walker, 22nd February, '06. 412—Geo Bur den, 28th July, '05. 417—Harry Burton, 1st November, '05; Wm H Clark, 10th July, '05. 420—S Huntington, 3rd August, '05. 425—J M Stover, 5th February, '06. 426—John Colvin, 31st October, '05; W Hinde, 13th June, '06. 430—Geo L Hutton, 14th January, '06. 435—Alex Anderson, 21st November, '05. 437—Thos G Johnson, 4th July, '05. 438—Geo C Patterson, 2nd July, '05; E Ban nerman, 6th October, '05; Thos S Muir, 28th October, '05; R Fair, 20th March, '06; F M Herins, 23rd January, '06; Wm Walker, 22nd February, '06. 442—Jas Duncan, 10th July, '05. 446—Jesse Eldridge, 29th May, '06. 448—Geo H Dean, 8th January, '05. 451—A H Clark, 16th January, '06. 454—R H Lemon, 6th June, '06. 459—Robt Allan, 17th January, '06. 460—Wm Edgar, 19th April, '04. 462—Adolph Thompson. 472—S J Allen, 26th October, '05. 473—Frank Maile, 1st December, '05; J J Thompson, 12th January, '06. 474—Wm Hinde, 14th June, '06.

RESTORATIONS, 1905-6.

No. 2—John Rousseau. 6—Francis Osborn. 11—F G Lewis, Harris Conger, D J Fairfield, D Thompson, W J Thomson, Walter S Kazier, Wm Schuster. 15—Francis Connor, Wm R Rawlings, Chas S Stewart. 20—Wm E Hiscott. 22—Geo Garner, Wm Worsfold. 23—Robt Black. 25—W R Watson. 26—C D'Arcy O'Brien. 28—Geo A McGrookin, O Bush. 31—F F McArthur. 32—J G Cook. 37—W Henderson, E D Lewis. 43—Geo Utting, Robt Kerr, Geo N Crooker. 44—Geo W Countryman. 52—W L Wagoner, Jos R Douglas. 55—Hugh S Ferguson. 58—W H Lawrie. 61—Chris S Griggs, E A Rosenstadt. 64—Geo W Humpide, Fred L Wood, J S Nesbitt. 68—Josh Gibson, Hy Gold ing. 69—Geo H Wilson. 76—Chas S Johnson, John W Pringle, A McKean. 77—W H Wa'sh, Dudcan Ray. 83—Dougal McLellan, Jas Black. 84—(has Overbury. 85—A H Wilson, M Holladay. 86—A J Morrison, J R Carter, C H R Riches, Jas McM Hunter. 88—W P Hewston. 90—Geo Lawrence. 93—A Ma donald, X McKenzie, J C Mc enzie, H H Trelawny. 94—Wm Yelland. 97—John Warriner, Jos L McFarland, W S Ramsay. 98—Thos Castor, Wm Hassard, Chris Nible. 103—Alex Howell. 104—Wm Walker, Geo S Cavin. 107—Albert Scott, Wm Shore. 114—John Trew, Thos Hewson. 115—J J Com fort, H J Bowley. 121—N C Webster, B C Wheeler. 123—Robt A Choquette. 125—Adam McKuy, John Urquhart. 131—Jas Moat. 136—Jas Hand. 142—John A Carter. 143—E V Dodge. 144—Geo Weilaner. 145—Wm Parnell. 148—John Ogilvy, Geo E Kennedy. 156—R J Bulmer. 159—Geo Beaman, F W Johnston. 161—C S McKenzie, E Stone. 164—Geo E Minnis. 181—Andrew Poustie. 184—Geo A Sidaal, Hugh Morrison. 186—Arthur McQ Johnston. 190—Edward Corpron. 193—John R Smith. 194—F I Goring, John Holmes. 195—Peter J Watt. 196—J I S Hurst. 201—Wm J Thacker. 209a—J W Martin. 209—Jas Stewart. 212—David Kennedy. 218—Fred Howell, F Rosbach, Jas McA Currie, J A M Ferguson, M W Murdoff. 220—Geo Thompson, W H Moore. 221—John Flann, John L Harris, Brock F Morley. 223—Major Woolridge John A Harper. 228—Anson Storms. 229—S W Taylor. 231—T J Surman, W Bird. 232—N D Campbell. 243—John Mullen. 247—Aubrey Bond.

249—Hy B Smith. 256—J E Stubbs. W O Presser. 258—Hugh Walker. 260—Jos R Kendall. 266—W J Levy. 267—John B Pike. 272—D C Shaver. 274—Robt Cumming, W R Fellows. 277—Louis P Bang. 279—C H Chisholm. 283—Alex R Walker. 290—Wm Manse. 300—John W Hobbs. 302—Philip Wadsworth, Thos A Clark. W T Carter. 304—John W Slean. 306—Arch Davidson, P Saunders. 309—Wm Mannel. 314—Alex Hocson. 320—Alf Innmann. 322—Wm McClelland. 326—H C E Coates. 328—Chas Foster. 330—C A Dockham, Chas Blyth. 336—Robt M Logan. 337—Oscar E Anderson. 339—Alex Armstrong, W H Michand, E J Edwards, A D Fisher. 341—Alex McDonald, Alex Struthers. 345—Jos O'Brien, Norman Groves. 346—John McKibbon, Jos O Patterson. Robt Muirhead. 360—A W Campbell. 362—Jas A Neelands. 364—Geo Trayte. 367—Jas Hudson, Wm J Damp, Luther Pedlar, Wm Syms. 368—Thos Brady. 369—W C Wilcox, E L Mack. 380—Hy Dullhenty. 382—A E Cutbush, W W Turnbull. 394—W F Kennedy, C H Cawthrope. 397—Wm McRae. 398 Jos G Eyers, J R Graham. 399—Isaac Middleton, W H Gsser, D Collins. 405—R G Plow, Jas Thomson. 406—Donald Smith. 409—Ingersoll T Torry. 410—W F Lancaster, M R Chissold. 412—Wm J Smith, John L Baxter. 414—Dugald McMurphy, Josh H Benson. 415—R J Robertson. 420—Wm Wilkinson, F H Thomson. 421—W A Linn. 422—Francis H Pope. 424—Wm A Remmer. 426—R G Andrews. 427—Jas Purvis. 431—Wm H Young. 435—Walter F Hearns. 451—Geo Dettman.

In Memoriam

Most Worshipful Brother

RICHARD T. WALKEM

Past Grand Master, a member of Ancient St. John's Lodge,
No. 3, Kingston.

Died 23rd March, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN BOYD

Past District Deputy Grand Master of London District,
No. 3, a member of Belmont Lodge, No. 190,
Belmont.

Died 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

R. W. BARKER

Past Grand Senior Warden, a member of Ionic Lodge,
No. 25, Toronto.

Died 6th August, 1905.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

GEORGE GOTTL

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Erie District, No. 1,
a member of Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg.

Died 28th August, 1905.

Right Worshipful Brother

T. F. SMITH

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington District,
No. 7, a member of Irvine Lodge, No 203, Elora.

Died 21st October, 1905.

Right Worshipful Brother

ISAAC P. WILSON

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Niagara District,
No. 10, a member of Merritt Lodge, No. 168,
Welland.

Died 30th November, 1905.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

J. J. THOMPSON

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto East District, No. 11a, a member of St. Georges Lodge, No. 367, Toronto.

Died 12th January, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

JOHN McLAREN

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Wellington District, No. 7, a member of Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville.

Died 18th February, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

FREDERICK WALTER

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton District, No. 8, a member of Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton.

Died 2nd March, 1906.

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

C. F. FORBES

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Old St. Lawrence District, a member of Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville.

Died 25th March, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

J. H. WIDDIFIELD

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto East District, No. 11a, a member of Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket.

Died 5th June, 1906.

Right Worshipful Brother

DUNCAN A. MACDONELL

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Old St. Lawrence District, a member of Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois.

Died 1906.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

JAMES WILSON

Past Grand Senior Deacon, a member of Zetland Lodge,
No. 326, Toronto.

Died 30th September, 1905.

Very Worshipful Brother

E. W. HARDING

Past Grand Senior Deacon, a member of St. James' Lodge,
No. 73, St. Marys.

Died 27th October, 1905.

Very Worshipful Brother

W. SPENCE

A member of Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry.

Died 1906.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

WM. WALKER

Past Grand Standard Bearer, a member of Harmony Lodge,
No. 438, Toronto.

Died 22nd February, 1906.

Very Worshipful Brother

H. McCULLA WRIGHT

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, a member of Seven
Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston.

Died 9th March, 1906.

Very Worshipful Brother

A. A. HENDERSON

Past Grand Registrar, a member of Chaudiere Lodge,
No. 264, Ottawa.

Died 3rd May, 1906.

In Memoriam

Very Worshipful Brother

CHAS. A. SIPPI

Past Grand Organist, a member of Kilwinning Lodge,
No. 69, London.

Died 16th May, 1906.

Very Worshipful Brother

JAMES ADAMS

A member of Minden Lodge, No. 263, Kingston.

Died 1st June, 1906.

Very Worshipful Brother

RICHARD JOHNSTONE

Past Grand Steward, a member of Blair Lodge, No. 314,
Palmerston.

Died 2nd June, 1906.

Very Worshipful Brother

J. McL. STEVENSON

Past Grand Junior Deacon, a member of Kerr Lodge,
No. 230, Barrie.

Died 4th June, 1906.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1906-1907.

THE GRAND MASTER.

M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, K.C. Pembroke

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. Augustus T. Freed. Hamilton

THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	R. N. Fraser	Thamesville	Erie	District No. 1
"	Stewart McWhorter	Petrolia	St. Clair	" 2
"	R. F. O'Neil	Thamesford	London	" 3
"	S. G. Holley	New Hamburg	South Huron	" 4
"	S. J. Cameron	Wiarton	North Huron	" 5
"	J. W. Dutton	Woodstock	Wilson	" 6
"	John Jardine	Hespeler	Wellington	" 7
"	Lyman Lee	Hamilton	Hamilton	" 8
"	W. H. Wright	Owen Sound	Georgian	" 9
"	B. J. Leubsdorf	St. Catharines	Niagara	" 10
"	A. J. Anderson	Toronto Junc.	Toronto West	" 11
"	D. A. Radcliffe	Aurora	Toronto East	" 11a
"	H. G. Hutcheson	Port Perry	Ontario	" 12
"	F. L. Webb	Colborne	Prince Edward	" 13
"	Wm. Jackson	Kingston	Frontenac	" 14
"	Geo. T. Martin	Smith's Falls	St. Lawrence	" 15
"	Wm. Northwood	Ottawa	Ottawa	" 16
"	C. J. Hollands	Fort Frances	Algoma	" 17
"	J. B. Way	Sault Ste. Marie	Nipissing	" 18
"	James Whitten	Bracebridge	Muskoka	" 19
"	E. R. Bounsell	Bowmanville	Otonabee	" 20
"	S. S. Reveler	Winchester	Eastern	" 21

THE GRAND WARDENS.

R. W. Bro. Henry A. Taylor, Grand Senior Warden. Toronto
" A. K. Wanless, Grand Junior Warden. Sarnia

THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

R. W. Bro. Rt. Rev. D. Williams, D.D., Lord Bishop of Huron. London

THE GRAND TREASURER.

M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C. Toronto

THE GRAND SECRETARY.

M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray. Hamilton

THE GRAND REGISTRAR.

R. W. Bro. W. D. Tye. Goderich

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

V. W. Bro. James H. Leach	Pembroke	Grand Senior Deacon
" Douglas Robertson	Eglington	Grand Junior Deacon
" J. McP. Ross	Toronto	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
" Geo. S. Mitten	Sarnia	Asst. Grand Secretary
" A. E. Jewett	Chatham	Asst Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
" Wm. J. Heaman	Exeter	Grand Sword Bearer
" J. J. Foster	Listowel	Grand Organist
" F. M. Bond	Port Dover	Asst. Grand Organist
" A. C. Rorabeck	North Bay	Grand Supt. of Works
" G. N. Kidd	Carp	Grand Pursuivant

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V. W. Bro. H. L. Anderson, M.D., Niagara-on-the-Lake	V. W. Bro. Robt. Delahay, Cobden
" A. J. Johnson, Collingwood	" Robt. McKonkey, Kearney
" Daniel McDonald, Toronto	" Wm. A. Brown, M.D., Chesterville
" E. Mosgrove, Kirkfield	" J. R. Fraser, Lakefield
" A. B. Carscallen, Enterprise	" Dugald Graham, Lobo
" John F. Purvis, Athens	" C. A. B. Brown, Toronto

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APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1906

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

HENRY ROBERTSON, Chairman.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada :

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present their Annual Report.

They have carefully examined all the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges which have been received and have made such extracts therefrom as, in the judgment of your Committee, contain the most interesting and instructive matters arising in the different jurisdictions.

The Grand Lodges are taken in alphabetical order, and a list of those reviewed will be found at the close of the report.

ALABAMA.

85th Communication, Montgomery, December 5, 1905.
Henry H. Matthews, G. M.

Eleven new lodges were opened, one reorganized and two consolidated.

The applications for recognition from Queensland and Valle de Mexico were deferred and those of Cosmos (Mexico) and Brazil were declined.

A committee was appointed to further the establishment of a Masonic Home.

The following was adopted:

Be it resolved. That this Grand Lodge insist that the Subordinate Lodges be careful to apply wholesome discipline as to the use of intoxicating liquors, and thus discourage all drunkenness.

Bro. William Y. Titcomb reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 431; members, 16,667; increase, 1,274.

Henry H. Matthews (Montgomery), G. M.

George A. Beauchamp (Montgomery), G. S.

ALBERTA.

We cordially welcome this the latest addition to the family of Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was organized at Calgary on the 12th day of October, 1905, by all the lodges in the Province, and with the consent of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, from which all the lodges derived their charters.

There are 18 lodges with a membership of about 1,200.
George Macdonald (Calgary), G. M.

J. J. Dunlop (Edmonton), G. S.

ARIZONA.

24th Communication, Flagstaff, November 14, 1905.

Edwin S. Miller, D. G. M., presiding, in the absence, through illness, of the Grand Master, Bro. George Shand.

The proceedings were brief and call for no special comment.

A new regulation was passed allowing life membership under certain restrictions. If the dues are \$12.00 the payment must not be less than \$150.00, and in the same proportion where the dues are greater or less. The whole payment must be invested and only the income used.

Lodges, 19; members, 1292; increase, 101.

Edwin S. Miller (Flagstaff), G. M.

George J. Roskruge (Tucson), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

34th Communication, New Westminster, June 22, 1905.

William J. Bowser, G. M.

The Grand Master reports the Craft in a splendid condition. New lodges were opened at Atlin, Enderby and Kelowna. Bro. Bowser visited all the lodges except Cariboo, No. 4, at Barkerville, and in order to visit that lodge he would have to travel 4,400 miles, so he might well be excused. This record is probably unequalled, and Bro. Bowser deserves great credit for his energy and zeal.

The business transacted was chiefly local in interest.

Our Pacific province is to be congratulated in the possession of a foreign correspondent of undoubted ability, whose reports are rapidly increasing the reputation of his Grand Lodge. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith is also the Grand Lodge Historian and Librarian. We quote as follows:

There is no evidence anywhere to show that at the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717 there was any Masonry anywhere outside of the British Isles, which either then, or shortly afterwards, joined in the establishment of the Grand Lodge system. When established in France Masonry soon adopted the Grand Lodge system, although shortly after its introduction there the "dissent" from the original plan occurred by the formation of new degrees known as Scots Degrees, which developed into the Rite of Perfection and finally into the Scottish Rite. We do not understand that Bro. Robbins ever denied the right of a sufficient number of Masonic Lodges in Costa Rica or elsewhere—to form a Grand Lodge when they thought best. His contention is, as we understand him, that persons receiving the first three degrees in Lodges of the Scottish Rite are not Masons at all, and that, in consequence, their Lodges and Grand Lodges are not entitled to the recognition of those descended from the original stock. * * * We believe Bro. McDonald is right in saying that there is no York Rite, but not for the reason he gives. Dunkerly and Dermott could hardly have "dismembered the Rite in 1730, when the Grand Lodge of York was working actively until at least the year 1734, and probably for some years later, when it became dormant for some years and was revived in 1761, continuing in existence until nearly the close of the 18th century. There is no York Rite in this country, because all the Lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of All England, at York, died before the death of their parent Grand Lodge.

Lodges, 39; members, 2,859; increase, 260.

Thomas J. Armstrong (New Westminster), G. M.

Robert E. Brett (Victoria), G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

56th Communication, San Francisco, October 10, 1905.

George W. Hunter, G. M.

The Grand Master reports eight new lodges. He also says:

This has been a year of material growth; cornerstones have been laid, several temples are now in course of construction, some have been dedicated and others are being planned. Generally speaking, the financial condition of the Lodges is all that could be desired.

On church going parades Bro. Hunter takes the correct stand:

While Masonry is not a religious institution and should not mix up with religious matters, or favor any creed or sect, yet if the members of a Lodge or any considerable number of them, see fit to assemble in the hall, and walk together to church, and attend service there in a body on Easter Sunday, I do not see that any harm to Masonry can come from it, and

know of nothing to prevent it. No dispensation could be granted to wear regalia on such an occasion.

Most of the important matters brought up were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and their reports are more than usually valuable and instructive. We quote the following:

Your committee has had under consideration the report of the Grand Master as to his correspondence with the Master of our "Hawaiian" Lodge, No. 21, of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, relative to the Masonic standing of "Maui" Lodge at Wailuku, H. T., a subordinate lodge of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The question arose because of the desire of a candidate who had been elected to receive the degrees in our "Hawaiian" Lodge, and who had there received his First degree, to have the other two degrees conferred by "Maui" Lodge at the request of an Hawaiian lodge. This, of course, could only be done in the event that "Maui" lodge was a regularly constituted lodge lawfully existing in the Hawaiian Islands.

The sovereignty of the Hawaiian Islands was transferred to the United States of America on August 12th, 1898, and they have ever since constituted territory of this country. At the time of such transfer, no Masonic Grand Lodge ever having been organized therein, there were in such territory two subordinate lodges holding charters from our own Grand Lodge: One, "Pacific," holding a charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and one "La Progress," holding a charter from the Supreme Council of France. All of these lodges continue to exist therein, holding their allegiance to their respective Grand Lodges, and no Grand Lodge has ever been organized therein.

On September 22nd, 1904, "Maui" Lodge was granted a charter or dispensation by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and has continued to act thereunder. No question appears to be made as to its legitimacy and regularity other than the single one raised by the contention that by reason of the fact that the Hawaiian Islands constitute American territory, no foreign Grand Lodge, and by "foreign Grand Lodge" is meant any Grand Lodge outside of the United States of America, has now the right to charter any Lodge therein, that we must regard the establishment of any new Lodge therein by any foreign Grand Lodge as an invasion of the jurisdiction of each of our American Grand Lodges, and, regarding the Lodge so established as illegitimate, not allow any Masonic intercourse on the part of the members of our Lodges with those of the Lodge so established.

It will readily be seen that the question thus presented is a most important one, but fortunately, in view of the interests involved, it is not, in our judgment, difficult to determine.

The Hawaiian Islands have always, by reason of the fact that no Grand Lodge was ever organized therein, constituted Masonically, open territory. By open territory we mean territory not within the exclusive territorial jurisdiction of any

existing Grand Lodge, and therefore territory within which any Grand Lodge may charter subordinate lodges.

It is elementary Masonic law that a Grand Lodge has not only an exclusive territorial jurisdiction over the State or country within which it may exist, but also jurisdiction to constitute and maintain Lodges in any State or country not included in the territory of any other Grand Lodge.

We ourselves recognized and enforced this right more than fifty years ago by chartering "Hawaiian" Lodge, No. 21, in the Hawaiian Islands, then foreign territory, and more recently, but prior to the acquisition of that territory by the United States, by chartering "Kilauea" Lodge, No. 330, in the same territory, and have maintained said Lodges ever since they were so chartered.

Our Constitution to-day provides that the executive powers of this Grand Lodge include the granting of dispensations and charters to establish and perpetuate Lodges within this State "and in other territory where no Grand Lodge exists." (Sec. 3, Art. III, Part I.)

In so providing, we but assert a right always recognized to exist in any Grand Lodge. It is only when a Grand Lodge attempts to establish a Lodge within the territorial jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, that the establishment of such Lodge constitutes an invasion of the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge.

It is not claimed that the Hawaiian Islands were not open Masonic territory up to the time of the transfer thereof to the United States of America. The only question then is as to whether that transfer brought them within the territorial jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge. It is plain that it did not. We have no Grand Lodge of the United States of America—no body exercising Masonic control over all territory of the United States. Each State and each Territory, with the exception of one or two, has its own Grand Lodge, exercising supreme control and having exclusive territorial jurisdiction within the limits of said State or Territory. The Hawaiian Islands are not within the territorial jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge of any of our States or Territories, and no such Grand Lodge claims exclusive territorial jurisdiction over them. How, then, can it be contended that the establishment of a Lodge therein by any foreign Grand Lodge is an invasion of the jurisdiction of any American Grand Lodge.

It is suggested that such an act would be an invasion of the jurisdiction of each of the American Grand Lodges, which alone should have power to charter Lodges on American soil. We have not been able to ascertain that such a doctrine has ever been asserted by any American Grand Lodge, and so long as we maintain our system of separate and independent State and Territorial Grand Lodges, such a doctrine would not appear to be in consonance with well established Masonic principles. Our American Grand Lodges have no collective territorial jurisdiction.

The regulation adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1851, referred to by the Grand Master, had reference solely to an invasion of the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New

York by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, by the establishment of a Lodge within the State of New York, and cannot be properly construed as having reference to any territory not within the territorial jurisdiction of some Grand Lodge. The somewhat broad language there used was modified in May, 1854 (Vol. I. Proc. p. 318), by a resolution stating the doctrine as follows, viz.: "It is the sense of this Grand Lodge that all persons claiming to hold Masonic Lodges in the United States or its Territories, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of any State or Territory, without authority from such Grand Lodge, are illegal and clandestine."

According to our decision, what is known as the American doctrine goes no further than this, viz., Only one Grand Lodge shall be established in any State or Territory. Whenever one is established it has the absolute control and government of all Masons and of all Lodges of the first three degrees, and no other Grand Lodge or Grand Body can in any way interfere with its jurisdiction by establishing new Lodges therein, or even by maintaining those already established. The territory is absolutely, exclusively and perpetually the territory of the Grand Lodge established over it. From the moment of the organization of the new Grand Lodge its jurisdiction becomes absolute over the entire territory, and all Lodges and all Masons there must acknowledge it and yield obedience to it, and their allegiance elsewhere ceases. (Vol. X, Proc. pp. 547, 553, 579. Vol. XII, Proc. p. 112.)

This is the American doctrine, declared by Mackay, and many if not all of our Grand Lodges, and is the only American doctrine, as we understand, and it has no application to the case in hand, for the reason that no Grand Lodge has ever been organized in Hawaiian Territory.

We are therefore of the opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in chartering "Maui" Lodge in the Hawaiian Islands cannot be regarded by us as such an invasion of the jurisdiction of any American Grand Lodge as would warrant us in holding the Lodge to be an illegal body. If we are correct in this conclusion there would appear to be no reason why said Lodge could not, under our Constitutional provision, at the request of our Hawaiian Lodge, confer degrees for "Hawaiian" Lodge upon persons selected therein to receive such degrees, provided that the work of said Lodge in conferring the degrees is in all material respects the same as ours.

We regret that this matter was not brought to our attention in time to enable us to make a more careful presentation of our view in regard thereto.

It is so important for the interests of Masonry in the Hawaiian Islands that a speedy determination of the question be had, that we have chosen to thus hastily express our conclusions rather than to let the matter lie over for another year.

We recommend that this report be adopted as embodying the view of this Grand Lodge upon the subject under discussion.

The petition of our "Hawaiian" Lodge, No. 21, to the effect that our Grand Lodge use its utmost influence to the end that

no further Masonic Lodges be hereafter established in the territory of Hawaii under authority of any foreign jurisdiction, has received our consideration.

In view of what we have said in our report upon the general subject, just adopted by the Grand Lodge, it is apparent that there is no way in which we can properly act in the direction desired.

The charter fee was remitted for a lodge of Veterans at the National Military Home.

The resolution of 1904, abolishing the appointment of Grand Representatives, was declared illegal, as being a withdrawal of power from the Grand Master, which could only be effected by an amendment to the Constitution properly adopted.

Life membership in lodges was authorized under particular restrictions, one of which is that where the dues are \$12 per year the life membership fee must not be less than \$200, and other cases in like proportion. The fees must also be kept intact as a permanent Life Membership Fund, invested in certain specified securities, and only the income to be used by the lodge.

Bro. William A. Davies furnishes an excellent review of the proceedings of other grand bodies, Canada for 1904 being included.

Lodges, 299; members, 31,561; increase, 2,151.

Motley H. Flint (Los Angeles), G. M.

George Johnson (San Francisco), G. S.

COLORADO.

45th Communication, Denver, September 19, 1905.

Benjamin L. James, G. M.

The Grand Master visited many of the lodges and found them, in every instance, "imbued with an enthusiasm and a spirit that is bound to bring great results."

The Grand Lecturer reports the lodges as working with great uniformity and conforming to the standard work adopted by Grand Lodge.

A proposed amendment, making all Past Masters permanent members of Grand Lodge, was not adopted.

A proposal to inaugurate a Collegium of Grand Lecturers, for the purpose of securing uniformity of work, was endorsed and ordered to be sent to all Grand Lodges in the United States. It provides that when five Grand Lodges agree, the first meeting shall be held.

The Monitor, prepared and published by Bro. Ernest

LeNeve Foster, was adopted as the official Monitor of the jurisdiction.

In his review of Arkansas Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf has the following:

Liquor legislation has reached an extreme when a Mason cannot cultivate a vineyard and sell the product thereof. One of the very remedies advocated by those who have made a careful study of the liquor evil, is a return to first principles and the more general cultivation of the grape and the production of pure wine, in the hope that it would in time supersede the use of whiskey and the villainous decoctions and compounds which craze the brain, incite to crime and fill the prisons and asylums of our land. The cultivation of vineyards and the production of wine may be traced to remote antiquity, and it has ever been deemed an honorable occupation. In our Masonic ceremonies we refer to "the wine of refreshment," and attach to it a symbolic significance. It is also one of the wages of a Fellowcraft. It is used in many of the concordant orders and branches of Masonry in consecrations and sacraments. According to the interpretation of the committee who disapproved the above decision, the brother who plants a vineyard and sells its wine product for any purpose is a violator of Masonic law. The prohibitive pendulum has certainly swung to the extreme limit of its arc. Temperance is one of the cardinal virtues of Masonry, but it is not restrictive in its application to any one vice, being a due restraint upon all our passions, prejudices and appetites.

In brief, "Temperance in all things," is what it inculcates in its lessons and teachings.

Canada for 1904 has a good notice.

Lodges, 107; members, 10,997; increase, 432.

Charles F. Painter (Telluride), G. M.

Charles H. Jacobson (Denver), G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

118th Communication, Hartford, January 17, 1906.

Asa P. Fitch, G. M.

The year past has been an eventful one with nearly every lodge, and prosperity, peace and harmony prevail all over the State.

The Grand Master was greatly impressed with the amount of good that is being accomplished at their Masonic Home at Wallingford.

There are no clandestine lodges in the State except those composed of negroes.

The death is announced of Bro. Luke A. Lockwood, the

author of Lockwood's Masonic Law and Practice. He was Grand Master in 1872.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That there be required to be paid to the Grand Lodge from each Lodge in the jurisdiction the sum of one dollar for each member upon its roll of membership.

Resolved, That in estimating their membership all members may be deducted who have been in good standing thirty years.

Resolved, That twenty-five per cent. of the amount received be appropriated for defraying the expenses of the Grand Lodge and seventy-five per cent. be appropriated for the purposes of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut.

Five custodians of the work were appointed. Their decisions are to be final, subject to an appeal to Grand Lodge. This Grand Lodge has always been opposed to cipher ritual.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1905.

Lodges, 110; members, 20,087; increase, 687.

Benjamin F. Turner (Middletown), G. M.

John H. Barlow (Hartford), G. S.

COSTA RICA.

At a quarterly meeting held on August 26, 1904, the Committee on Foreign Relations made the following report, which was adopted:

1. The Republic of Guatemala is an independent political territory hitherto unoccupied by a Grand Lodge.

2. The Grand Lodge appears to have been founded in accordance with Masonic precedent and by four Craft Lodges derived from the Sup. Coun. of C. A.

3. The Grand Lodge of Guatemala recognizes the Ancient Landmarks, and a study of its Constitution and Code, which are identical with those of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, fails to reveal anything inconsistent with the Ancient Landmarks.

Your committee therefore respectfully submits the following resolutions:

(a) That the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica extend recognition to the Grand Lodge of Guatemala as the sole independent and sovereign ruler over Craft Masonry in that Republic.

(b) That official relations be established between these two Grand Lodges.

(c) That the Grand Master be hereby authorized to effect the corresponding exchange of Representatives.

A proposed new Constitution was read, accepted for discussion and referred to the lodges.

November 25, 1904. The new Constitution was adopted.

The Annual Communication was held at San Jose, January 27, 1905.

Gustavo Pradilla H., G. M.

The following extracts from the address of the Grand Master will give a good idea of their doings:

Our relations with other Masonic powers have been maintained in a most friendly and satisfactory manner.

The Supreme Council of Central America, with which for some time we have been unfortunately in strained relations, has once more resumed official intercourse with us; and I trust that the lapse of time will but serve to further cement our fraternal bonds; no better proof of the good wishes and cordiality of that body could have been shown than their happy choice of our esteemed Bro. Tomas Povedano as their representative at this Grand Lodge—a brother so distinguished for his tact and true Masonic spirit. * * *

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica continues to add to the number of recognitions received from other Masonic powers; during the year the Grand Lodges of Arizona, South Dakota, New South Wales, New Zealand, Porto Rico, Quebec, South Australia, Victoria, Idaho, Missouri and Ohio have established official relations with us, thus bringing the total number of recognitions to fifty-five. * * *

In the month of April I received a telegram from a Lodge in Nicaragua that Bro. Policarpo Bonilla, ex-President of the Republic of Honduras, was in durance vile and in danger of a violent death, owing to his supposed complicity in a revolutionary plot: the telegram closed by appealing to the Freemasons of Costa Rica to do all in their power to avert such a tragedy. Impelled, not only by the principles of our Order but also by the common dictates of humanity and civilization, I, as Grand Master, in conjunction with the M. W. S. of the Rose Croix Chapter and the W. Masters of several of our Lodges, addressed a cable to the President of Honduras requesting his good offices on behalf of our brother in distress: a courteous reply was the result stating that Dr. Bonilla would have a legal trial and would be treated with impartiality and even with leniency: other measures were also taken to attain the same end with satisfactory results. * * *

As I have already remarked, the state of the Costa Rican Craft is sufficiently satisfactory: interest in our Institution is increasing, and I am inclined to think that it will not be long before there will be a Lodge in the capital of each province in the Republic; indeed, this wave of enthusiasm indicates a promising future.

Our Lodges have carried on their work in accordance with the prescriptions of the Constitution and Code, and, although I have visited the various temples several times, I refrain from making what perhaps might be invidious criticism; however, it is necessary to draw your attention to Union Fraternal No. 2, Limon, as, should this Lodge again exhibit

disorderly tendencies it is my opinion that the charter should be arrested.

A new lodge was formed at Puntarenas, working the Spanish ritual of the Scottish Rite, the same as is worked by four others of the lodges. Two lodges work the English ritual of St. John of Scotland. One lodge, now dormant, worked the German ritual of Schroder.

Lodges, 7; members, 203; increase, 14.

Tomas Povedano (San Jose), G. M.
Edmund A. Osborne (San Jose), G. S.

CUBA.

Annual Communication, Havana, March 26, 1905.

Jose F. Pellon, G. M.

These proceedings are in the Spanish language, but the address of the Grand Master is repeated in English. We quote as follows:

More than once, worshipful brethren, have I deemed it my duty, in moments similar to the present, to emphasize certain doctrinal points which, if an illusion to them in other countries would be superfluous—for there they constitute a veritable axiom not open to discussion—here among us of the Latin race, of but recently formed national life, it is necessary to mention and bring to attention, not only the more forcibly to impress upon you the true conception of the Masonic Fraternity as yet not sufficiently possessed by all our members, but, and this is of still greater importance, in order that friendly Grand Lodges, especially those of Anglo-Saxon countries, where the Holy Ark of the Ancient Landmarks is most firmly upheld and where the standard of Masonry has been raised highest, may be persuaded and convinced that the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba knows as well as they do how to preserve intact those principles and inspries with like endeavor to keep high their standard, to the extent permitted in a nation that as yet numbers less than two millions.

Happily, many Grand Lodges already recognize and emphatically declare that ours is free from the defects peculiar to those of the Latin race, and but recently, in consequence of the resolution passed in our last annual communication to sever relations with the Grand Orient of France for failing to sustain the above-mentioned fundamental principle of Masonry, have we had the satisfaction of reading words of appreciation and respect in the Reports on Correspondence of several Grand Lodges, words of unstinted praise for ours as a true Masonic power, as one constituted like American Grand Lodges, where the genuine principles of the fraternity are proclaimed and practiced and where there is no room for the aberrations that unfortunately corrupt the true nature of other Latin Lodges prone to assign to Masonry objects and aims foreign thereto.

To the famous English admiral Nelson is attributed the saying that to the sea you must speak in English, and this may be applied mutatis mutandis to our Institution as an organism born in England and thence propagated, for as in civil law the jurist in consulting original sources is led back to Roman institutions, thus in Masonry, English founts of knowledge must be studied if one would gain a true and pure conception of the Institution. Nor may some superficial critic call us servile imitators. Is not such quest for information directed by the very origin whence came the peculiar and distinctive character of the fraternity? No sooner is this character changed when the Institution ceases to be Masonic, when of Masonry there remains but the name.

Therefore, we Latin Masons, if we would preserve that character, if we would have pure and genuine Masonry, must never throw aside the English moulds, the moulds in which were cast those beautiful Anglo-American organizations existing in every State of our sister republic, solely and exclusively dedicated to the realization of the social aims of Masonry, those Grand Lodges admirably administered and governed, counting by thousands their subordinate Lodges, where the direct object of the fraternity, individual improvement, is foremost, where magnificent buildings, be they temples or asylums, attest the existence of the true fraternity oblivious of all political and religious agitation. * * *

In the course of the Masonic year to-day ending, one Lodge had planned a public procession, and its Master having consulted privately my opinion on the subject, I advised against the execution of the plan. True, in the United States, sometimes Lodges and often Knights Templar as also the Scottish Riters and some other secret societies hold parades, generally carried out with extraordinary splendor, and at first sight nothing seems to forbid the holding of similar pageants in Cuba. By examining more closely into the matter there are in fact weighty opposing motives at least to him who now addresses you.

We all know the strong opposition, in Cuba altogether un-called-for and unjust, which Masonry encounters on the part of the Catholic clergy, whose religion is professed by the majority of Cubas inhabitants. Every Mason is aware of the fact, none the less real and evident though absurd, that the Catholic clergy believe, or at least so allege, Masonry to be the enemy of the church, an opinion this that is deeply rooted in the minds of the misinformed, and one which only in time and by dint of direct and continued propaganda, more of a practical than of an ideal nature, can be dislodges from those disturbed brains.

It is likewise notorious that as a rule not only among Catholics but among Protestants and unbelievers it is a common error to consider Masonry a religion, while it is hardly necessary to point out that in Cuba, save some insignificant exception, processions have always been one form of Catholic worship. Hence, the day a Lodge would have a public manifestation of this kind, many would believe to behold a religious procession intended against the Catholic church. In

the United States nobody would for a moment harbor such a thought, but in Cuba as she is to-day, few, very few would understand that a Masonic parade is not a religious procession, not an anti-Catholic demonstration.

But there would be another danger greater than that of ignorant persons forming a wrong conception of a Masonic exhibition: there would be danger of the introduction by some of our legislators of a bill prohibiting processions altogether and thus dealing a blow to personal liberty. My hearers will remember that some months ago, first a Catholic procession and then a parade of the Odd Fellows in Havana gave rise to the introduction of such a bill, and there was even a newspaper, I believe a government organ of liberal tendency, that opposed vehemently the practice of such processions, considering them, as many did, of a Masonic or religious character. Your Grand Master had to personally dissipate that error on the part of the editor, telling him that Masons for the present do not hold processions in Cuba.

Last, but not least, there is a danger of ridicule, greater perhaps than that of absurd legislation. A Masonic exhibition in Cuba, at this time, would possess neither the seriousness nor the importance of the beautiful parades of our American sister lodges, where thousands of brothers fall in line, practiced in the march, of military bearing and impressing the spectator as a trained body of martial spirit. There is but a step from the sublime to the ridiculous.

If Cuba had thousands of such comfortably situated brothers, if error and prejudice now prevalent here were to disappear in true tolerance with our opinions, your Grand Master would not oppose the holding of such public, semi-military exhibitions, reserved for us, perhaps, in the near future, as not unlikely the placing of corner stones in public buildings may be reserved for us, an act which by custom and law in the United States pertains to the prerogatives of the Grand Lodges.

Lodges, 61: members, 2,783; increase, 331.

Jose F. Pellon (Cienfuegos), G. M.

Aurelio Miranda (Havana), G. S.

DELAWARE.

100th Communication, Wilmington, October 4, 1905.

R. Henry Young, G. M.

Peace and harmony prevail. The Grand Master officially visited all the lodges and found them working well and in good condition.

The Grand Charity Fund amounts to \$1,810.06, and the Grand Reserve Fund to \$2,327.98. The only call on the Charity Fund was for \$50.

A Master's pedestal and sprig of acacia, used by Hiram Lodge over 100 years ago, were presented to Grand

Lodge. Another brother presented a keystone from the quarry at Jerusalem.

Their centennial anniversary is to be celebrated on June 7, 1906.

In the review of New Jersey, by Bro. H. L. Jackson, we find the following:

This writer has always held and taught that Masonry was anciently and originally an operative science, afterward becoming both Operative and Speculative, but as now practiced it is altogether speculative in its character, being founded upon certain facts and incidents connected with the building of King Solomon's temple, and used allegorically to imprint upon the mind and heart of man wise and serious truths.

The present status of Speculative Masonry and the success of the Grand Lodge system is due mainly to the superior intellectual attainments and almost inspired wisdom and energy of three distinguished men of their day, the Rev. John Theophilus Desaguliers, L.L. D., F. R. S.; the Rev. James Anderson, D. D., and the Hon. Anthony Sayre, the first Grand Master.

To Dr. Desaguliers, more than any other man, are we indebted for the present existence of Free Masonry as a living institution; for, when in the beginning of the eighteenth century, Masonry had fallen into a state of decadence which threatened its extinction, it was Desaguliers who, by his energy and enthusiasm infused a spirit of zeal into his contemporaries which culminated in the revival of the year 1717; and it was his learning and position that gave a standing to the institution which brought to its support noblemen and men of influence, so that the insignificant assemblage of four London Lodges at Apple Tree Tavern has expanded into a fraternity which now overshadows the civilized world. And the moving spirit of all this was the Rev. John Theophilus Desaguliers, L.L.D., F. R. S. He was a clergyman of the Church of England, educated at Christ Church, Oxford, and admitted to clerical orders. In 1718 he received the degree of L.L. D., and was admitted a F. R. S. He was made a Mason in the Lodge of Antiquity, and became the leading spirit in the inauguration of those measures which in 1717 lead to the revival and transition of Masonry to a speculative and symbolical institution. The earliest authorized lectures of symbolic Masonry were those prepared and arranged by Dr. Desaguliers and Dr. Anderson in 1720. The Rev. James Anderson, D. D., a Presbyterian minister, was his colleague and helper, writing out much of the material which Desaguliers collected and suggested.

Extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1904.
Lodges, 22; members, 2,668; increase, 66.
Levin Irving Handy (Newark), G. M.
Benjamin F. Bartram (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

95th Communication, Washington, December 20, 1905.
Lurtin R. Ginn, G. M.

On the Past Master's degree, he has the following:

Prior to 1856 the emergent Lodge of actual Past Masters was held in the body of the Grand Lodge and was variously called a "Pass Master Lodge," a "Past Master's Lodge," a "Lodge on the Fourth Degree," etc. Masters-elect were given the degree in the Grand Lodge, and then installed in a body by the Grand Master. In 1856, however, the Grand Master directed the Masters of Lodges to install their successors in their respective Lodges, and such is the practice to-day, but the power to convene an emergent Lodge of actual Past Masters appears always to have been the exclusive prerogative of the Grand Master.

The practice has been in recent years, I believe, for the Grand Lecturer to confer this degree under the oral authority granted him by the Grand Master to convene an emergent Lodge of actual Past Masters for such purpose. It is contended, however, in some quarters, that the Past Masters of a Lodge have the right upon their own volition to assemble as an emergent Lodge of Past Masters and confer so much of the Past Master's degree upon their Master-elect as shall be necessary to qualify him to be installed as Master.

In view of the history of the Past Master's Lodge in this jurisdiction, the custom that has always obtained, and the action of the Grand Lodge of 1848, I do not think that such contention is well founded, but lest I may have construed the matter wrongly I report my action to the Grand Lodge for such action as it may deem proper.

A new lodge, to work in the daytime, received a charter.

The grand visitations were continued to all the lodges.
The Grand Lodge of Guatemala was recognized.

In order to further the requirement of the production of documentary evidence by a visitor, the following report was adopted:

M. W. Sir: The special committee appointed by you to take into consideration the suggestions of the Committee on Correspondence regarding the furnishing of documentary evidence of good standing to Master Masons of this jurisdiction, and the best means of providing such evidence if the suggestions are approved, beg leave to report that they have very carefully considered the matter, and recommend the adoption by this Grand Lodge of a card certificate of the following description:

Card about 2 1/4 by 4 inches, one side of the card to have printed thereon the following:

This is to certify that Bro. ——, who has signed his name in the margin, is a Master Mason in good and regular standing, and a member of —— Lodge, No. —, F. A. A. M.

(Seal) —— —— Secretary.

—, D. C., —, 190 .

This card is void after —, 190 .

Seal of Grand Lodge printed on reverse side with the following matter :

Grand Lodge, F. A. A. M.,
of the
District of Columbia.

This is to certify that the Lodge named hereon is a legally constituted Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

—, Grand Secretary.

That this card be of the very best Bristol board, of a distinctive design, and light enough to receive a good impression of the Lodge seal.

That the cards be issued by the Grand Secretary to the Secretary of the Lodges in this jurisdiction, and by them issued to the members in good standing.

It is proper to say that this card is about the same as those adopted by the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and New Jersey, and we understand that other jurisdictions have cards of the same purport.

In accordance with the oral request of the Grand Master, the committee also considered the question of what documentary evidence should be required of visiting brethren from other jurisdictions, and submit the following resolution, with the recommendation that it be adopted :

Resolved. That hereafter no Lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive a visitor from any Lodge outside of this jurisdiction, unless a Master Mason, known as such in the Lodge, shall have personally vouched for the visitor as a Master Mason, and also vouched for his good standing, or unless the visitor, after strict examination, shall have proven himself to be a Master Mason.

Provided, that no such visitor shall be examined until he furnishes to the Master of the Lodge, or to the committee of examination appointed by him, some documentary evidence, such as a diploma, certificate under seal of the Lodge, receipt for dues under seal of the Lodge, Grand Secretary's certificate, or written endorsement by a Grand Master, showing that he was in good standing within twelve months of the date on which he presents himself for examination.

And provided further, that a brother hailing from a jurisdiction which has adopted a card, certificate, or other special document, shall be required to produce such card, certificate, or other special document before being examined.

And provided further, that the provisions of this resolution shall not take effect until May 1, 1906, and in the meantime the Grand Secretary shall notify every Grand Lodge with which we are in fraternal relations, suggesting that they notify their membership as far as possible.

Their rule as to funerals is thus quoted:

Should the deceased brother be a member of any civic society whose attendance at the funeral is desired by his family, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge shall also consult with the presiding officer of such society respecting the details of the ceremonies; impressing upon him the fact that when the Lodge has received the body it must necessarily remain in the uninterrupted charge thereof until the conclusion of its services. Should other services be performed, the Lodge should remain until their conclusion. It is competent for civic societies, or military, in attendance upon a Masonic funeral, to be represented among the pall-bearers by members who are also Masons, wearing, in addition to their distinctive regalia or uniforms, the white lambskin apron of a Mason.

It was decided that an emergent lodge for the purpose of conferring the Past Master's degree could only be formed by action of the Grand Lodge or by dispensation of the Grand Master.

A committee was appointed to arrange for their centennial.

Bro. George W. Baird reports on Correspondence in his usual able manner. Canada for 1905 receives fraternal mention. In his review of Ohio we find the following:

There is one little distinction between the report of Bro. Goodale and our production. On pp. 90 and 91 (current Ohio report), he says: "One of the reasons given by the Swiss Grand Lodge for continuing friendly relations with the French Masons is that all Masons in Europe are engaged in an earnest warfare against religious and oftentimes social and political prejudice, * * *" whereas we believe we have made it clear in our report that Masonry in France is essentially on the defensive. It has been persecuted by a sect (not religion), and in the anti-Masonic congress, convened in Trent in 1896, the bishops of the Church of Rome repeatedly spoke of the Freemasonry as a sect.

France, Belgium and Switzerland are near neighbors. Their people speak the same language. Their habits and customs are in common. It is but natural they should fraternize.

The Swiss congress was not held within tiled doors. No secrets of Freemasonry were discussed. They did not feel at liberty to expel the Cerneaus or Prince Hall Masons, but did sanction, by their silence, their presence. So do we sanction by our silence many of the vagaries of those who are persecuting the French speaking Masons.

We are not so unlike the Europeans after all. For peace and harmony we acquiesce. We were made a Mason in Portugal in 1867. The lodge room was on the fourth floor of a large building in Rua Nova de Carmo; a sickly gas jet was

lighted in the street doorway at dusk, from which we lighted our rolinos (wax tapers), and, singly, climbed the stairs. The books of the lodge did not show the name of a living man, for each had to adopt as a soubriquet the name of a dead man. My name was recorded as Andrew Jackson on the lodge rolls. We were obliged to sneak in and sneak out, singly or in pairs, for fear of detection, for it was a penal offense to be a Free-mason in Portugal. We dimitted from the lodge when we returned to the United States. About ten years later we again visited Lisbon and, to our chagrin, we were informed that the priests had discovered the lodge and had broken it up.

We fraternized with Masons in Paris in 1867 and found them entertaining and charming gentlemen. Like most of the educated French they did not hold the church in high esteem. It was the religion of their wives and daughters and they gallantly refrained from any disparaging remarks about it. They were, to a man, as good Protestants in principles as could be found (in a dictionary sense).

One of them said of Martin Luther that his greatest error was in not abolishing hell instead of purgatory. Another essayed to prove that neither hell nor purgatory ever existed. A modern version of our New Testament seems to confirm this opinion.

We agree with Bro. Goodale that there is patriotism in Masonry, but we should not claim religion. We are periodically trying to prove this by going to church in regalia that the public may identify us in our devotions. Masonry has been defined as a system of morals veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. We have never essayed to give absolution nor extreme unction nor to intercede for a penitent. Then let us adhere to our system of morals in its pristine beauty.

Lodges, 27; members, 7,726; increase, 361.

Walter A. Brown (Washington), G. M.
Arvine W. Johnston (Washington), G. S.

ENGLAND.

Quarterly meeting, September 6, 1905.

The report of the Board on the conference with the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland was adopted. The resolutions adopted at this conference will be found in our review of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, together with the objections made by the delegates from Ireland. The principal resolution is to the effect that no recognition will be extended to a new Grand Lodge in any colony where the three Grand Lodges have equal jurisdiction unless at least two-thirds of the lodges under each jurisdiction have joined in the movement, and recognition shall only be granted by agreement of the three Grand Lodges. This practically means that the Grand Lodges

of Scotland and Ireland have tied themselves down to do the will of England. However much they would desire to recognize the new body they could not do so without the consent of England.

March 7, 1906.

The following resolution was lost:

That in all future elections for Grand Treasurer, the issuing of circulars by the candidates or their supporters shall disqualify the candidate by whom, or on whose behalf, such circulars are issued or sent out.

The Duke of Connaught, G. M.

Sir Edward Letchworth (London), G. S.

FLORIDA.

77th Communication, Jacksonville, January 16, 1906.
Charles W. Johnson, G. M.

In his introductory remarks he says:

Our State is prospering as never before, in every portion of our territory new and beneficial enterprises are being carried on. New S. S. lines are in effect and in contemplation, railroad construction is being pushed, and soon one of the greatest engineering feats of the age will connect our Island City of Key West with the main land. Education of our youth is keeping pace with our material advancement and there no longer exists a good reason for sending our sons and daughters beyond the confines of our State for a liberal education.

We are receiving a generous addition to our population from the other States of the Union, exceeding that of former years, and to the homeseekers we extend the right hand of fellowship, welcoming them to a share in our prosperity and in our responsibilities as citizens.

Florida has adopted usefulness as her chariot, and thereto she has harnessed the spirited steeds of enterprise, progress and development, and to-day we see her driving that triumphal car through this fair land of ours, making the sunlight of prosperity to shine thereon.

Our beloved fraternity is keeping pace. From all sections of our territory come the glad tidings of increase, unity, peace and plenty. We have added to our membership a net gain of six hundred and fifty during the year.

The only cloud that has cast its shadow upon us has been the prevalence of yellow fever in the city of Pensacola.

During the summer yellow fever made its appearance in Tampa but fortunately made no headway.

Five new lodges were formed.

The following edict was issued:

No visitor from a foreign jurisdiction, unavouched for, shall be permitted to visit any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction

without presenting before examination an official receipt for dues and a certificate of membership under the seal of a regular lodge, said certificate being avouched for by the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction of issue.

No visitor unabouched for from a lodge in Florida shall be permitted to visit any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction without presenting before examination an official receipt for dues from his lodge.

The requirement as to a Grand Lodge certificate is all right, but the receipt for dues is unreasonable. There are lodges in which no dues are required to be paid. The Committee on Jurisprudence did not agree with the Grand Master on this subject, and their report, which was adopted, is in part as follows:

We therefore recommend that the edict be not continued, that the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized to procure at once from the Pantagraph Printing Company, of Bloomington, Ill., one hundred and fifty or more copies of this book, containing a list of regular lodges, and that they be furnished to the lodges of this state and to members desiring to purchase same at cost. That each lodge be directed to procure from the Grand Secretary a copy of the book and that it be kept in a convenient place in the lodge room for use in proving documents presented to prove good standing of visiting brethren.

Numerous extracts from our Proceedings of 1905 are given in the report on Correspondence by Bro. Silas B. Wright.

Lodges, 158: members, 6,655; increase, 650.

Charles W. Johnson (Jacksonville), G. M.

Wilber P. Webster (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA.

119th Communication, Macon, October 31, 1905.

Max Meyerhardt, G. M.

Describing his official visits, he says:

During the past year I have traveled several thousand miles in making official visits. These visits have carried me to many parts of our beloved commonwealth—from historic Chickamauga in the north to the shores of the Atlantic Ocean in the southeast, and the borders of Alabama in the southwest. My visits, in the main, have been to the smaller cities and to the country lodges, and I have found faithful Craftsmen everywhere. I have been greeted with hearty hand-clasps, with bright smiles, with generous hospitality, with every manifestation of earnest, cordial brotherhood. These country brethren, oftentimes at great personal sacrifice, at their lodge meetings, visit the sick, bury the dead, care for the widow and the orphan, and contribute liberally to every

worthy cause. On their altars glow the sacred fires of Masonry. In their lives they splendidly illustrate the rugged virtues of Masonic manhood, the tender beauties of Masonic love. With simple faith and reverent hearts they humbly worship the Great Architect of the Universe. And when life's journey nears its end, with trust in God and hope in immortality, they look forward, with faith well founded, to the eternal life beyond the stars.

My heart thrills with pride, my eyes are dimmed with grateful tears, to feel and know that I can claim brotherhood with such as these, the pick and flower of Georgia's truest, noblest citizens.

Bro. John R. Wilkinson, P. G. M., has compiled a history of the Grand Lodge of Georgia from its inception, with a complete list of all the Grand Officers from the year of their charter, 1735.

Their Masonic Home is in operation.

On June 14 the doors of our Home were thrown open and for more than four months the Home has been in full and successful operation. Under its hospitable roof fourteen inmates are now being cared for, and from now on the number will steadily increase.

I feel that it is a matter for the heartiest congratulation that after so many years of toil and struggle, of hope deferred, of trial and disappointment, we have witnessed the triumphant consummation of our hopes and prayers. This Home is indeed a splendid and enduring monument to the generous liberality of Georgia Masons. It is truly a Home in every sense of the word, where every comfort is provided, where every want is anticipated, where perfect harmony reigns, and which we hope and believe is crowned with the approving smile of God.

On the first day of the session the Grand Lodge spent the afternoon at the Home, and the evening was entirely devoted to social features, music and addresses.

The recognition of the Grand Orient of Brazil was refused.

The conclusion of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is rather good.

Your committee have been much impressed with the unfaltering zeal and fidelity with which the Grand Master has served the cause of Masonry during the past year. He has verily gone over the State, from "Tybee light to Rabun Gap," like an oriflame, everywhere enthusing the Craftsmen and leading them to higher heights in Masonry. When we consider that this zeal and devotion is crowned with great wisdom and enriched with long experience, we find an explanation for the present and magnificent fruition of Masonic efforts. In the language of old Rip Van Winkle, "Here's to him and his children; may they live long and prosper."

Lodges, 485; members, 25,289; increase, 1,169.

Max Meyerhardt (Rome), G. M.

W. A. Wolihin (Macon), G. S.

IDAHO.

38th Communication, Boise, September 12, 1905.

Albert W. Gordon, G. M.

The address is an able document, showing good work and true. We copy part of the introduction:

There is much to encourage us, as Freemasons, in the condition of the Craft everywhere: we are steadily increasing in membership, we are surely extending the principles of our noble fraternity in every direction, quietly and unostentatiously teaching the divine lessons of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and maintaining the cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice in all the nations of the earth.

And yet while promulgating and disseminating these principles are we living them as we ought? Are we practicing out of the lodge those great moral duties inculcated in it? Are we treating our brethren, and the world at large, with that fraternal forbearance and consideration taught in our ritual? These are questions it behooves us to seriously ask ourselves, and to remedy those faults we may find we are committing.

Masonry is not measured by the professions of its members, unless those professions are executed with fidelity: it is the innate strength of the individual Mason, his work in the community in which he lives, and his standing as a man, that measure the worth of our great order: and while renewing former friendships, and gaining new ones, in the intimate and pleasant association of the Grand Lodge, let us again renew our allegiance to the principles of our noble fraternity, let us return to our homes with enthusiasm revived, resolved to more fully practice the virtues we teach; let us endeavor to control and subdue the besetting sins of selfishness and envy and to cultivate the spirit of tolerance. Let us see to it that we walk uprightly as men and Masons, that we observe the golden rule, "and do unto others as we would that they should do unto us." Thus, my brethren, we will approach more nearly to a full compliance with the letter and spirit of our obligations, and set an example that will be of immeasurable benefit to those with whom we come in contact, and thus exemplify, in our daily lives, that true Masonic charity which enables to judge rationally, and unselfishly, the shortcomings and frailties of our fellow men: to admonish them with friendship, and to reprehend them with fraternal justice: and if I have any injunction to give you, my brethren, it is to exhort you to conform with earnestness to the teachings of Masonry, a faithful reliance upon its precepts will aid us in every battle and encourage us in our struggle for higher ideals.

The Grand Lecturer reports great advancement, but he is not yet satisfied. He wants it made compulsory upon the officers of lodges to attend the schools of instruction.

An invasion of the jurisdiction by New York caused non-intercourse to be declared with that Grand Lodge until the matter was cleared up.

Every candidate, after receiving the third degree, is required to pass an examination in that degree within two months.

In his review of Canada for 1904, Bro. George E. Knepper says:

The Grand Master in his address admits one hundred and seventy-one special dispensations granted for various purposes. The Secretary's report gives the object of these dispensations. It is found that sixty-one were granted to lodges to attend divine service. It would seem that the Grand Master would be justified in "cutting the strings" and granting to all lodges as well as the individual members thereof the privilege of attending divine service as often as the spirit moved them—the oftener the better.

Lodges, 36; members, 2,056; increase, 102.

Jeremiah W. Robinson (Boise), G. M.

Theophilus W. Randall (Boise), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

66th Communication, Chicago, October 3, 1905.

William B. Wright, G. M.

Masonry in Illinois is maintaining its well deserved reputation for good work, high ideals and adherence to noble principles. The Grand Master very eloquently remarks:

It is a great privilege to be able to assist in the work of bringing intellectual light into the dark corners of the world, of helping our fellowmen to throw aside their prejudices and sweep away their mental cobwebs, of placing them upon the mountain tops, with their desire for knowledge quickened, their capacity for learning enlarged, their mental horizon broadened, their love for their fellows intensified, their power to discern the true relations of life expanded, and consequently their usefulness as citizens and members of society increased. This is a privilege every Mason enjoys. May every one of us to the extent of our power live up to the full measure of our opportunities, and do our full share in promoting peace and harmony, liberty and equality, righteousness and justice, among all the peoples of the earth.

During the year the Masonic Home at Sullivan has been completed, furnished and occupied. It is mainly in-

tended for aged and indigent Masons, their wives and widows. There are 40 inmates, maintained at a cost of \$3.17 per week per member.

The Masonic Orphans' Home at Chicago has 80 inmates, and the cost of maintenance is given at \$3.20 per week. They are paying particular attention to finding good homes for the children, as it is believed that family life is better for the children than life in an institution.

The laying of corner stones of churches on Sunday was deprecated.

Recognition was refused to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized by the adoption of the following report, with the reasoning of which we heartily agree:

At the last annual communication this committee reported the formation of an independent Grand Lodge of Queensland by a convention held at Brisbane on March 22 and April 25, 1904, in which thirty-nine out of one hundred and fifty-two lodges then existing in that Australasian state took part, a request for fraternal recognition from the new grand lodge being then before us.

It will be remembered that twenty-five of the participating lodges held under the Irish constitution (all but one of the lodges on the Irish registry), and fourteen under the Scottish constitution.

Although it seemed plain almost to demonstration to your committee, that the unparalleled application of the gag in the English and Scottish lodges by their respective district and provincial rulers, and the generally lawless and violent character of their repressive measures, betokened their belief that the claim of the Grand Lodge of Queensland that if left to the free choice guaranteed to them by the law governing the formation of grand lodges, a large majority of the lodges would at once have given in their adhesion to the movement for an independent grand lodge, we did not recommend immediate recognition because the evidence in our hands of the right of the lodges participating in the convention to speak for the majority of the lodges in Queensland was not complete. It was not clearly in evidence from so much of the record as was in our hands that all the lodges in the territory had been invited to participate in the convention. Since that report was made, however, we have come into possession of abundant evidence on this point, not only in the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, but from sources unfriendly to that body. V. W. Bro. John Strachan, Grand Registrar (the law officer) of the Grand Lodge of England, in an official report attempting to discredit the regularity of the new grand lodge, speaking from a thorough knowledge of the proceedings, says that "overtures were made to the English and Scotch lodges to join the movement."

This fact being established beyond dispute, it is manifest that the convention when assembled had complete jurisdiction of the subject matter which it was called to consider, and was fully authorized to determine whether or not an independent grand lodge should be organized. Every lodge in the territory was entitled to be present and bear its part in answering the question which could then and there, and then and there only, be lawfully asked and answered. That convention answered the question in the affirmative, and proceeding regularly, acting always within its rights under the common law of Masonry did form an independent grand lodge which at once became the ultimate source of Masonic authority within the political boundaries of the state of Queensland. As such it is entitled to recognition, and we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Queensland is hereby recognized as being regularly formed under conditions fully warranting such action, and therefore rightfully entitled to exclusive Masonic jurisdiction coterminous with the political boundaries of the state wherein it exists.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Illinois welcomes the Grand Lodge of Queensland into the equal sisterhood of grand lodges and will gladly cultivate closer fraternal relations therewith by an interchange of representatives.

The feature of these Proceedings is an extensive and elaborate report on Correspondence by Bro. Joseph Robbins, who is easily in the front rank of reviewers. It covers 300 pages, with reviews of 61 Grand Lodges. Commenting on the report of the Grand Registrar of England on the Queensland Grand Lodge, in which the remark is made that there had been no desire on the part of the English lodges to join in the movement, or even to discuss the question, Bro. Robbins says:

"Was she resigned?" asked a gentleman of a friend who had just lost his mother-in-law. "Resigned? Gad, sir, she had to be." Bro. Strachan was quite safe in believing that the English lodges were discreetly silent as to any desire to join in or even to discuss the movement. They had to be. We are, as we reported last year, in possession of circulars issued by the English district Grand Lodge authorities, forbidding the lodges of their obedience to consider the subject while open, and their members to discuss it even while at refreshment.

If Bro. Strachan was ignorant of this fact, of what value is his report? If he was not ignorant—then what?

Canada for 1904 receives a good notice, with numerous extracts.

In discussing the question of the Scottish Rite in regard to Craft Masonry with Bro. Duncan, of Louisiana, Bro. Robbins says:

The advent of the new school of Masonic historians, telling the story of Masonry from ascertained facts instead of writing it out of their own imaginations, men who like Findel, Lyon, Hughan, Woodford, Lane and Gould—whom the supreme councils were powerless to control—writing not to bolster up some particular theory or faction, but hewing to the line of discovered facts, let the chips fall where they might, was the beginning of the end with the absurd claim that any so-called Masonic power except a representative grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons can have even a remote shadow of authority anywhere over the three degrees of which that Masonry consists. Pari passu with the awakening of the Craft to the fact there is no Masonry that did not develop in the British Isles, and there alone, and there become a part of the grand lodge system before any essential departure had been made from the landmarks which constitute its paramount and irrepealable law: and that all the so-called Masonry now existing which cannot be identified as such by reference to those landmarks has come into existence through dissent from the original plan, and not by independent development at other centres, the idea that the Scottish Rite could have any rightful voice in the affairs of symbolic Masonry has faded. The Northern Supreme Council repudiated the idea at its organization, laying down the rule in so many words that only Ancient Craft Masons could be admitted to the privileges of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; but the Southern Supreme Council, the mother council of the world, did not utterly disclaim any and all authority in Ancient Craft Masonry until (we think) 1878, when Albert Pike announced that he was satisfied that the Supreme Council never had possessed the right to create lodges or confer the degrees in Ancient Craft Masonry: and it is a matter of common recollection that during the Cerneau war, which raged in the eighties, the spokesman of the Southern, the Northern and the Cerneau bodies tumbled all over each other to deny to the grand lodges of the country, having then or having had in the past any pretensions to that right.

Lodges, 738: members, 74,741: increase, 3,861.

C. E. Allen (Galesburg), G. M.

J. H. C. Dill (Bloomington), G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

32nd Communication, Tulsa, August 8, 1905.

Wilson Otho Bruton, G. M.

The Grand Master is a native-born Cherokee Indian, and his address shows that he was quite capable of filling his high position with ability and discretion. He reports a very prosperous year, no fewer than 18 new lodges being opened.

To judge, however, from the cases of discipline, they should be more careful in the admission of members.

Numbers do not always constitute strength. Fewer members of better quality are preferable.

A committee was appointed to further the establishment of a Masonic Home for Orphans. The financial agent collected over \$51,000 for the Home. Of one lodge he says:

There are some facts that ought to be made a matter of record and perpetuated in the history of this movement. To Leon Lodge No. 16 belongs the honor of being the first lodge that ever contributed one hundred dollars to the Orphans' Home Fund. Leon is a country village, thirty-five miles from the railroad. The lodge only has twenty-nine members. From the beginning Leon Lodge No. 16 has been a liberal contributor. The report of this year will show that Leon Lodge gave one hundred and three dollars. When it is remembered that this money was earned by hard and honest toil upon farms and so liberally given by brethren, ninety per cent. of whom live on rented land, no one should feel hurt or overlooked when your financial agent awards the blue ribbon to Leon Lodge in this work.

Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey presented his third report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1904 receives fraternal mention.

Lodges, 168; members, 6,363; increase, 600.

Richard W. Choate (Haileyville), G. M.

Joseph S. Murrow (Atoka), G. S.

IOWA.

62nd Communication, Davenport, June 6, 1905.

Sumner Miller, G. M.

For beauty of typography and general appearance these Proceedings take the prize. They are a credit to all concerned, from the Grand Secretary down to the printer's devil.

The address is a well written business like paper, from which we should judge that Gro. Miller proved himself to be an efficient and zealous officer. He reports continued prosperity.

From the report of the Grand Secretary on the Library we take the following:

The opening up of a large number of Carnegie free public libraries in Iowa has awakened an additional interest in library work, which has, in a measure at least, extended to the Masonic fraternity and caused an enthusiasm among our members and all interested in Masonic libraries which cannot help but prove beneficial to the Craft at large. A visit to a

library opens up a new world to many who never before realized the value of such a collection. Carlisle says "the best university of these days is a collection of books"—surely, then, we have organized a Masonic university which should continue to grow and expand. That the Masons of Iowa are the more and more appreciating the library is shown by the interest taken in it by the rank and file of our members and the large number of books loaned among them annually. Not only are our own members realizing the benefit therefrom, but those other jurisdictions as well. During the past year over a thousand dollars worth of books have been loaned to members of other Grand Jurisdictions, and, we are pleased to state, without the loss or destruction of a single volume—surely this is a record of which we may feel proud.

On the proper method of examination of visitors, the custodians report that they had made enquiries and found that legislation on this subject or the prescribing of methods of examination by Grand Lodges was very limited. They also say:

Throughout our entire inquiry the underlying thought and purpose was clear that the chief aim of such examinations is the preservation of the integrity of Masonry, but the jurisdictions are not in harmony as to the method of examination to secure that end. It may be said that no two jurisdictions are entirely so. There is, however, throughout all the jurisdictions a similarity, if not a sameness in some respects, as, that all use a test oath, or Tyler's oath, varying in form and somewhat in substance, but quite alike in the essential particulars. All work through committees appointed for that purpose. And, as a rule, these committees are invested with a large discretion as to the method of inquiry. We do not find that any grand jurisdiction has found it expedient to make definite rules, or prescribe definite forms for the government of such committees in the performance of their duties, the manifest thought being that the conditions cannot be so far prejudged as to render such rules or forms of practical utility, and that each occasion will best disclose to the intelligent committee the forms to be observed, aided by some general rules or methods that uniformly obtain.

Having in mind that the preservation of the integrity of the Order lies at the foundation of these inquiries, it has been the rule of this Grand Jurisdiction for years, as taught by the Board of Custodians, that these inquiries should be of such a character that a rejected applicant for admission as a visitor should part from the committee no wiser in Masonic knowledge than when he came. We do not think it expedient to discuss or suggest the details of how this result may be reached in a written report to be made public, and leave that for independent or verbal comment in connection with the report.

Porto Rico was recognized and the application of Queensland was deferred.

The following recommendation was laid over till next year :

That the edict of non-intercourse pronounced against the Masons of France by this Grand Lodge be withdrawn in so far as it applies to the Grand Lodge of France, but that it remain in full force and effect as to all other so-called Masonic bodies of that country ; and we do extend to the Grand Lodge of France fraternal recognition as a regular Masonic body.

The committee making this recommendation is satisfied that the Grand Lodge of France is correct in its declaration of a necessity in every candidate of belief in God and that it does not hold with the Grand Orient of France in the abolition of that requirement. The two bodies may be separate and distinct, but so far the Grand Orient has been the dominant power and has been looked upon as the representative of French Masons. At the recent conference in Belgium both bodies were represented, and the connection between the two bodies seems to be very close and cordial. They are both engaged in defending themselves against the aggressions of the priesthood, fighting for liberty of conscience, which would be destroyed if the Roman Catholic clergy could prevail, and we would probably do likewise if we were in their situation.

Bro. Joseph E. Morcombe, the chairman of Correspondence, has been appointed Grand Historian and has commenced his important work. As he is an enthusiast on the subject and thoroughly equipped with the necessary ability, Bro. Morcombe will certainly score a success.

Canada for 1904 has fraternal mention.

Lodges, 505 ; members, 35,729 ; increase, 1,146.

William H. Norris (Manchester), G. M.

Newton R. Parvin (Cedar Rapids), G. S.

IRELAND.

This Grand Lodge is gradually waking up to a realizing sense of its duty to afford some information as to its doings and status. The pamphlet before us (sent with the compliments of the Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. W. J. Chetwode Crawley), contains the annual address, the international agreement with England and Scotland, details of their Female Orphan School, Orphan Boys' School, Victoria Jubilee Annuity Fund, Belfast Widows' Fund, County Down Widows' Fund, accounts and statistics, registrar of warrants, and a sermon by the Rt. Rev.

Lord Bishop of Ossory, John B. Crozier, D. D., a provincial Grand Master, with several portraits and illustrations.

Owing to the illness of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Sir J. C. Meredith, the preparation and delivery of the annual address on December 27, 1905, was entrusted to Bro. Crawley. The address is exceedingly interesting, and we regret that our limited space will only allow the following extracts:

This satisfactory state of the finances of Grand Lodge extends to every department. Last year there were eleven new Warrants granted. Remember that the issue of eleven new Warrants means a great deal more than the same number would mean to other Grand Lodges, because we do not aim at extending our dominions beyond the seas, and the home field, from which we can draw supplies, is sadly limited, owing to the operation of ecclesiastical prejudice. However, during the present year, we have had two Warrants granted for South Africa and another for Bengal, together with one Military Warrant: we have issued two warrants for Dublin, two others for Belfast, and the remainder for our provinces. Of those which are over sea the most notable was that granted to the new lodge erected in Calcutta. * * *

I must, however, sound a note of caution. In my capacity as Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Instruction, I have some qualms about the guarantees for the perpetuation of genuine Irish working in oversea lodges. It is our proud boast that our ritual, which is now the oldest working ritual of Free-Masonry in the world, has never been reduced to writing. Hence it is impossible to send over even a cypher or code ritual, embodying our characteristic work, to our Bro. Dutt. or to brethren oversea. I cannot fail to be fraternally concerned, in my capacity of Grand Secretary for Instruction, to know that this Irish lodge is, in all human probability, zealously working the comparatively modern ritual adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1813. However, in my capacity as Grand Treasurer, I know that they are true and trusty Masons, and I fancy that, even under the English ritual, they will prove to be most excellent Masons of the best Irish type (laugter) and spread far and wide the fame of "The Duke of Abercorn Lodge," the first Irish lodge in Calcutta.

The prosperity of our Grand Lodge shows itself in other aspects of the Irish Craft. Our Charity Fund has, during the year, met every equitable claim made on it, I think, fairly and adequately, and it has a small balance in hand with which to begin the New Year. This Charity Fund is, so to speak, an enforced contribution, consisting of a small annual fee levied from each brother of the Craft in Ireland. Whether he likes it or not, every candidate who joins the Irish fraternity must become a spoke in the mighty wheel of charity which is controlled by our central Committee of Charity. I think it may be said that our Charity Fund has never yet failed to relieve a truly deserving case. This result could never

have been obtained without the large-hearted co-operation of the subordinate lodges, who generously supplement the carefully considered grants of the central Committee of Charity, in every case of which they have local knowledge or with which they have special sympathy. In this connection the marked thanks of Grand Lodge are due to the Belfast Committee of Charity, which has lightened the labors of the Metropolitan Committee as far as the Province of Antrim is concerned; a province, let me remind you, which includes one hundred and twelve lodges.

Similar evidence of our continued prosperity will be found in the condition of our three great voluntary charities, if one may so style them in contradistinction to the general charity fund levied and administered by Grand Lodge. We are justly proud of the Masonic Female Orphan School, founded 1792; the Masonic Orphan Boys' School, founded 1867, and the Queen Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund, founded 1887. They have been most happily termed by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, "the three Masonic Jewels of Ireland," and the aptness of the phrase will make it live in the heart of every Freemason. * * *

Similar changes have taken place in our representation abroad, but the only case which calls for particular mention is that of Canada, where our interests are entrusted to M. W. Bro. Benjamin Allen, in succession to our lamented brother, Kivas Tully. More than fifty years ago, as Bro. Kivas Tully himself related to this Grand Lodge at its annual communication on St. John's Day, 1898, he "went on leave" to Canada from the old and famous Lodge No. 13, Limerick, and as he epigrammatically put it, he "remained on leave" ever after. He attained the highest honors in the Grand Lodge of Canada, to which, with the full approbation of this Grand Lodge, he transferred his Masonic allegiance. We have no doubt that our M. W. Bro. Allen will worthily sustain the standard which was born aloft for so many years by our late distinguished fellow-countryman, Bro. Kivas Tully, Past Grand Master of Canada, and sometime Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 13 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

An international conference between the Grand Lodges of the three kingdoms was held in London at midsummer. The conference had two main objects under discussion. First, it was desirable to arrive at some common understanding as to how and when new Grand Lodges in the colonies should be recognized. Secondly, it was desirable to equalize the status of Past Masters throughout the three jurisdictions. In neither of these directions did the conference go as far as your representatives would have them go. The Grand Lodges of England and Scotland hold views on these points which seem less consistent with the universality of the Craft and the rights of brethren in distant colonies than those long held and strongly advocated by the Grand Lodge of Ireland. It would have been absurd, however, for your representatives to wreck an agreement which was a substantial advance beyond what had been previously in force, merely because it did not satisfy to the full the more liberal views of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The text of the agreement, and the brief report in which your representatives embodied their reasons for hesitating to give unconditional and immediate assent, will be found in the appendix to this annual address.

Speaking personally, I should apprehend difficulty in seeking valid arguments in support of the thesis that the parent Grand Lodges of the British Isles have the right to impose on colonial lodges, without their consent, conditions which interfere in any way with the legitimate freedom of action. History, expediency, equity, our racial instincts seem to be against the principle. Does any inquirer want a closer historical parallel than the proposition laid down in the Declaratory Act of 1766, to the effect that the mother country "has, and of right ought to have, power to bind the colonies in all cases whatsoever?" Our American brethren were the outcome of that contention.

Perhaps I had better explain that a century ago the belief prevailed that the possession of the Craft Warrant, issued by Grand Lodge, authorized the lodge to confer any degree which might be considered Masonic, provided always that the lodge numbered among its members brethren capable of conferring the degrees. Nor was there any central organization, such as a Grand Chapter, in existence, to grant Warrants for the degrees now considered to be properly under the control of such a body. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland dates only from 1829, having come into existence a score of years later than the present Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England. The authority of the new organization was cheerfully and speedily recognized by the brethren in possession of the degree. They formed themselves into Royal Arch Chapters connected with the lodges, and having the same numbers. Here and there, however, a lodge lagged behind, and Lodge No. 198 seems to have been amongst the laggards, conferring the Royal Arch degree in the old way as late as 1840. Bro. William Moore was the last survivor of the brethren exalted under the conditions that had previously obtained in his lodge. Hence the record of his demise marks the close of an epoch in the development of Freemasonry.

The reminder will not come amiss that we Irish Freemasons have an historical right to be heard on the authority of the warrant, and the institution of the Royal Arch degree. The Grand Lodge of Ireland was the first Grand Lodge in the world to furnish its lodges with charters as evidence of their legal constitution. That momentous step was taken just one hundred and seventy-five years ago. Twelve years later, the earliest mention of Royal Arch Masonry, nay, the very first collocation of the words Royal Arch, occur in the chronicle of an Irish lodge. In those hundred and seventy-five years the Lodge Warrant and the Royal Arch degree have conquered the world of Freemasonry. If the inquirer seeks the secret of that conquest he will have to read between the lines of Irish Masonic history, or ever he can use the significant word, engraved on the slab in the foreground of the frontispiece of the first Book of Constitution, Eureka!

We give the resolutions adopted at the conference with England and Scotland and the dissent expressed by the delegates from Ireland :

1. The three Grand Lodges agree that any member of the Craft who may be suspended or expelled in one jurisdiction shall not, while so disqualified, be permitted to visit or join any lodge under the jurisdiction of the others : and each Grand Lodge shall cause notice of all decrees of suspension or expulsion to be sent to the other Grand Lodges. And in case of such decrees being made abroad, the district or provincial authorities acting shall also notify the neighboring district or provincial authorities of all three jurisdictions.

2. In each of the three jurisdictions a duly installed Master under either of the other Constitutions shall, if not otherwise disqualified, be entitled to be present at a Board (i. e., conclave) of Installed Masters, and to form one of the quorum ; but not to preside therein or to instal a Master, unless requested to do so by the Board (i. e., conclave). Nor can a Visiting Master or Past Master of another Constitution preside in the lodge he is visiting. In case there is not present a Master or Past Master duly qualified under the home jurisdiction, then and then only the officer in charge of the lodge may request a Master or Past Master under one of the other two Constitutions to perform any ceremony which the Warden is not competent to perform. This agreement is not to interfere with the right of the Worshipful Master of a lodge to invite a member of the lodge or a visiting Master or Past Master of any of the three Constitutions to perform any ceremony without assuming the chair.

3. The question of recognizing a new Grand Lodge in any colony or other territory in which the three Grand Lodges have equal jurisdiction, and in which they have warranted lodges working, shall not be taken into consideration unless at least two-thirds of the lodges under each jurisdiction have signified their adhesion to such new body ; and such recognition shall only be granted by agreement of the three Grand Lodges. After the recognition of such new Grand Lodge as a sovereign body the respective authorities of the three Grand Lodges will surrender their rights to warrant new lodges within the jurisdiction of the new body, provided always that the rights of lodges not adhering to the new body shall be fully safeguarded. * * *

Your representatives thought it their duty to apprise the other representatives of two points on which their views were not in full accord, and which they proposed to reserve for the consideration of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

I. Your representatives failed to see any valid reason why regularly Installed Masters of any one of the three jurisdictions should be precluded from presiding in any regular lodge when requested so to do by the proper authorities. Further, they submitted that the ground suggested at the conference for this disqualification namely, a possible conflict of loyalty to the jurisdictions involved —was specially untenable in the case of Installed Masters

under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, whose obligation bound them to rule over a lodge in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction to which the lodge belongs.

II. Your representatives failed to see any valid reason why the lawful erection of a Grand Lodge should depend on the artificial and arbitrary condition of a two-thirds majority, rather than on a simple majority of the brethren concerned.

III. Your representatives ventured to suggest to the conference the wisdom of facilitating the establishment of self-governing Grand Lodges in the self-governing colonies, feeling sure that the existence of several Masonic authorities with concurrent and overlapping jurisdiction in the same territory cannot but lead to jealousy, competition and friction.

In view of the above, it is rather funny to read the remarks of the Grand Registrar of England to the effect that the delegates from Ireland were "very much impressed" by his forcible arguments. We congratulate Bro. Crawley and his colleague on the stand they took. It certainly looks like a piece of abominable selfishness to throw such obstacles in the way of a colony seeking Masonic self-government. The requirement of a two-thirds majority of the lodges of each jurisdiction is entirely unreasonable, and by a little manoeuvering it could be made impossible to acquire.

At the Quarterly Cummmunication, October 6, 1905, the above resolutions were confirmed by the Grand Lodge of Ireland. We hope they will be satisfied with their subservient position and hereafter do as they are told.

The Masonic Female Orphan School has about 80 inmates, and it costs about \$15,000 per annum to run the institution. Of this sum about \$10,000 is annually subscribed by the brethren.

The Masonic Orphan Boys' School has 90 inmates, costing about \$15,750, of which about \$11,875 is subscribed annually.

The Duke of Abercorn, G. M.

Lord Castletown, G. S.

Henry F. Flavelle (Dublin), Deputy Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

50th Communication, Topeka, February 21, 1906.

Samuel R. Peters, G. M.

He says that the past year has broken the record of the record breaker. One of his visits has special mention:

Arcadia Lodge, No. 329, is located at Arcadia, Kansas. It is a small village on the State line. On the occasion of the official visitation a third degree was conferred on three brothers in blood as well as in Masonry. Special trains from Fort Scott and Pittsburg brought a large number of visiting brethren. The work on one of the brothers was remarkable in this that every station in the lodge was filled by an actual Master of some lodge. That enough actual Masters from visiting lodges were present to fill the stations is evidence of the number of visiting lodges represented.

The District Deputy system has been on trial for a year, but is not yet satisfactory owing to lack of experience.

The following was adopted:

No lodge within this jurisdiction shall admit a visitor who shall be unable conclusively to establish by documentary evidence or personal voucher that he hails from some regular lodge in this jurisdiction or within the jurisdiction of a regular Grand Lodge, recognized by and in correspondence with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas. Documentary evidence shall be a diploma, receipt for dues under seal of the lodge, Grand Secretary's certificate, written endorsements by a Grand Master, or certificate of dimission—all of which shall designate a lodge or Grand Lodge known to be regular and within the provisions of this regulation. Vouchers shall be personal, and made only in Lodge by some member thereof, or by a Master Mason who has established his right to sit in such lodge. In all cases it shall be the duty of the Master of the lodge to ascertain that the lodge from which the visitor claims to hail is a regular lodge within the provisions of this regulation.

Their jubilee was celebrated with appropriate ceremonies.

Bro. William M. Shaver has a good report on Correspondence, and we regret to notice that it will be his last. He reviews Canada for 1905: Of their ritual he says:

As we have had occasion to say before, the promulgation of such a work, so protected, is no violation of the Masonic obligation. In the first place it does not contain the "hidden mysteries of Freemasonry;" again, the references to such portions of the ritual as are to be found in the cipher are so hidden that it is decipherable only by one who already is lawfully possessed of a working knowledge of that ritual; and these facts, coupled with the protection thrown around the book itself, places the cipher within the qualifying clause of the obligation.

When I write down the letters, "T b s o t b d e p b t p," no one could possibly decipher therefrom that I had written down the initial letters of the doggerel, "The boy stood on the burning deck eating peanuts by the peck," unless I informed him of the fact. Neither can any one who is not possessed of a

working knowledge of the Kansas Masonic ritual, decipher the Kansas cipher, if a copy should inadvertently fall into his hands ; but, admitting for argument's sake, that this was actually accomplished, the "hidden mysteries of Freemasonry" would not be found therein.

Lodges, 374; members, 27,167; increase, 1,181.

Thomas L. Bond (Salina), G. M.

Albert K. Wilson (Topeka), G. S.

KENTUCKY.

105th Communication, Louisville, October 17, 1905.

Roland H. C. Rhea, G. M.

Peace and harmony prevail. Bro. Rhea "will go down in history as the only Grand Master who made no decision which he deemed necessary to report." All questions were fully covered by the Code and Digest. Nine new lodges were opened, each lodge being required to pledge that for two years its representatives would not draw more as mileage and per diem than his lodge pays as dues.

The Grand Master arrested the charter of a lodge for refusing to punish a member found guilty of gross unmasonic conduct.

Besides their Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, which has a sufficient endowment fund, the Masons of Kentucky have erected an Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville and are making strenuous efforts to place it on the same good financial basis. There were 18 inmates during the year. The following resolution, referring to the Widows' Home, was adopted:

Resolved. That whenever the Board of Directors shall represent to the Grand Master that a subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction has knowingly misrepresented the ages or financial condition of any applicant to the Home, it shall be his duty to arrest the charter of said lodge and cause it to be cited to appear at the next session to show cause why the charter should not be revoked.

Bro. W. W. Clarke reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 495; members, 26,662; increase, 1,576.

James Garnett (Columbia), G. M.

H. B. Grant (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

94th Communication, New Orleans, February 6, 1906.
L. P. Delahoussaye, G. M.

On the progress of the Craft he says:

This, I am more than pleased to report, notwithstanding the presence of the yellow fever in many localities during the summer, has been most satisfactory and certainly very gratifying. There has been a substantial increase in our membership, and the best men of our country are applying for admission into our fraternity. New lodges have been instituted in localities which had not felt the humanizing influences of Freemasonry, and these lodges give assurance of permanent development, which must result in the welfare of all. Many inquiries relative to the formation of others have been frequent, and the future is bright with the prospect of their organization. All of our chartered lodges, with but a few exceptions, indicate a healthy growth, and the brethren, as a body, foretell of grander achievements and nobler aspirations.

Twelve new lodges were formed.

Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, is the only one of its kind in the world. It is composed of the Masters and Wardens of the lodges in New Orleans. It does not confer degrees. Of its excellent work the Grand Master says:

I wish to convey to the officers of this lodge the grateful thanks of the Grand Lodge and commend them for that devotion to duty that never faltered though often confronted by almost insurmountable difficulties. When the daughter of a Master Mason was stricken with the yellow fever how quickly she was taken to a place of safety, her every want supplied, and so carefully and lovingly attended by Dr. Gaster, a physician of our Order, free of all cost. This daughter was soon restored to perfect health by such loving care and devoted attention and is to-day a living and glorious tribute to the usefulness of this Relief Lodge. A brother dying far from the distant home he loved so well, was given the last honors of Masonry, his sick wife cared for, and the children placed in charge of Mrs. H. C. Brown, a member of Rob. Morris Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, one of God's noblest, truest and best, who proved a mother to the fatherless. And when the widow was restored to health, Mrs. Brown took her to her heart and home, gave back her children, took care of them all under her hospitable roof, until God had comforted the widow and gave her strength to return to her northern home. These are only a few of the many cases. I could fill pages upon pages of this report by relating the experiences of Louisiana Relief Lodge. My brethren, we have a right to be proud of the officers of Louisiana Relief Lodge, but prouder still of the lodge itself, the only chartered one of its kind in the world. Here, the Masonic brother, stranded on a foreign

shore, meets not only with a brotherly greeting, but is given the assistance he may need. Here the widow and the fatherless plead not in vain, but taken to the Masons' heart are made to feel that the broad aegis of Masonry is spread lovingly around them, and they, too, are given that assistance and protection their conditions may require. My brethren, let it ever be your pride, your care, your duty, to provide bountifully for Louisiana Relief Lodge, and permit it to long continue extending its ministrations of mercy under the providence of the "Mason's God, forevermore." No act of this Grand Lodge, in my judgment, will live so long in sweet memory or do so much to prove that the world is no dead or dark machine, but alight with the glory and alive with the spirit of God, as to resolve to maintain this lodge, the oasis in this world's wilderness for distressed Masons, their wives, widows, mothers and their orphan children.

In the report of the Grand Lecturer we find the following:

In imparting instruction to the Craft I have adopted a system used by me for many years in a smaller, but in a no less effective sphere, in impressing the esoteric and ceremonials upon the mind of the officers, enabling them to comprehend and put them into practical operation at once. I have invited criticism of this method by my brethren, but no complaints having been made known to me, and no objections lodges with the M. W. Grand Master, I accept as an evidence of satisfaction on their part.

The Craft are unanimous in their praise of the Committee on Work, who have labored so assiduously in revising the esoteric work, relieving it of the unnecessary verbiage with which it had been cumbered, and restoring to them the work used by this Grand Jurisdiction many years ago, and so ably disseminated by our lamented Bro. Gordy.

The Grand Lodge found itself in a position to do an act of "tardy justice," and voted \$1,000 to the Grand Secretary as a slight token of appreciation for his past services.

It was decided that the time had not yet arrived when the establishment of a Home was desirable or needful.

On the admission of visitors the following report was adopted:

We consider the practical details of the resolution requiring documentary evidence, such as a diploma, certificate or receipt for dues under seal of the lodge has so much of the odor of commercialism about it, that it reads more like the testimonial of a business agent than the test of recognition of a brother Mason. They recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That this M. W. Grand Lodge adhere to the time-honored custom and usage of Freemasonry, subject to the right of any lodge on particular occasions to refuse to admit

visitors on the usual examination and test oath as to good standing.

Bro. H. C. Duncan reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1905.

Lodges, 179; members, 9,651; increase, 691.

L. C. Allen (Shreveport), G. M.

Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

86th Communication, Portland, May 2, 1905.

Hugh R. Chaplin, G. M.

The Grand Master reports that in nearly every lodge the brethren are united and active, and no serious differences exist between any of the lodges.

All the District Deputies (25 in number) submitted reports, showing the Craft in a sound and prosperous condition.

Lodges, 201; members, 25,307; increase, 696.

Hugh R. Chaplin (Bangor), G. M.

Stephen Berry (Portland), G. S.

MANITOBA.

30th Communication, Winnipeg, June 14, 1905.

Rev. Andrew Chisholm, G. M.

We quote part of his opening remarks:

The great prosperity of western Canada has been reflected in the advancement and progress of Masonry in this jurisdiction. People from many lands are seeking to establish for themselves homes in the west. The ancient poet makes his hero say that he left his native shores with tears; so in labor and sometimes sorrow these strangers seek to cast in their lot with us. Impressions for good or bad are easily cut into character in such circumstances. Here is where the value of a sound ethic comes in; benevolence meets and welcomes the stranger. The altruism of Masonry is a mighty power in this western land.

Bro. Chisholm visited all the districts except the Yukon. The year was unusually prosperous.

There are two lodges in the Yukon district, at Dawson and Whitehorse. The District Deputy lives at Whitehorse and was unable to visit Dawson as navigation did not open until the first of June. Of Whitehorse lodge he says:

Whitehorse Lodge I have visited frequently during the year, both officially and otherwise. The statistical report

appended will show steady progress, and I may say the prospects for the future are bright. The work of the lodge is indeed excellent. The officers are one and all thoroughly posted therein and exemplify the several degrees in a manner far superior to anything I have ever witnessed in a minor lodge. The books are also well kept and the financial details carefully attended to. This lodge has recently installed a handsome new organ, which must add materially to the attractiveness of the meetings.

Eleven new lodges were opened.

Lodges, 79; members, 4,786; increase, 811.

William G. Scott (Winnipeg), G. M.

James A. Ovas (Winnipeg), G. S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Quarterly meeting, March 8, 1905.

The regulation as to the admission of visitors was amended to read as follows:

Except on a duly authorized public occasion no visitor shall be admitted into a tyled lodge, unless he complies with one of the following conditions.

1. Being vouched for in writing by a brother present, who, if not a member, shall himself be vouched for at the time by a member of the lodge, and who shall, if required, state in writing when and where he sat with the visitor in open lodge.

2. Producing a certificate or diploma of a regular Grand Lodge, and passing a satisfactory examination. A certificate under seal of the Secretary of a regular lodge may be accepted in lieu of the Grand Lodge certificate, but the acceptance of such a certificate, or of a Grand Lodge certificate dated more than three years previous to the date of visit, shall be at the discretion of the Master of the lodge visited.

Every lodge shall keep and preserve a record of visitors in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge, or by the Grand Master for the time being.

Porto Rico was recognized and the application of Queensland was refused because a majority of the lodges did not join. The Committee say:

Your committee believe it to be a well-settled rule that in organizing a Grand Lodge at least a majority of the lodges existing in the territory should give their consent to the new organization.

We may inform our good brethren of Massachusetts that that rule is not "well settled," that there is no such rule, and that there never was such a rule. It is also abundantly clear that but for the suspensions and threats

of suspension, and arbitrary refusals to allow any discussion of the matter, a large majority of the lodges in Queensland would have joined in the movement to establish the new Grand Lodge.

172nd Annual Communication, Boston, Dec. 13, 1905.
Baalis Sanford, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

It is a cause for congratulations that the year just past has been of almost unprecedented prosperity in all that concerns the welfare of the Craft in our honored Commonwealth: a substantial increase in membership, the sound condition of the lodges, the pleasant and harmonious relations which exist between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges, and the peace and good feeling which prevail throughout the brotherhood generally, all these are gratifying indeed, and the harbingers of promise and hope for the future.

As I have visited officially many lodges in various parts of the State, I have been impressed with the earnestness, the harmony and the generous aspirations which characterize the Freemasons of Massachusetts. Not only are the fundamental tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth inculcated and practised, but the influence of Masonic principles is everywhere manifest in genial courtesy and in conservative progress and growth.

The District Deputies were highly complimented:

I take this opportunity of expressing my deep sense of the obligations I am under to these faithful conservators of the Grand Lodge for their indulgence, zeal and ability and for the prompt and intelligent manner in which their labors and duties have been performed—labors involving great responsibilities, and upon the efficiency of which the successful administration of Masonic affairs of this Grand Lodge so much depends. Such constant zeal and active interest merit the praise of the Grand Lodge and its recognition of their services among the records of our proceedings.

The quarterly meetings of the Deputies and Grand Lecturers have been continued as heretofore; they have been well attended, as the records of the Grand Lodge will show, and exceedingly interesting and productive of much good. Many questions of Masonic law have been discussed and determined at these gatherings. It has been my privilege to attend each meeting, availing myself of these opportunities for presenting instructions and promoting the consideration of such subjects as might be introduced, to the end that uniformity of purpose and concert of action might be preserved among the brethren of all the districts.

The reports of the Deputies give gratifying assurance that the year now closed has been an unusually prosperous one in the history of the fraternity in this jurisdiction. The lodges have very generally progressed towards a much stronger position, and I am sure that a flattering future awaits them.

At the grand feast after the installation of officers the usual toasts were duly honored and some excellent speeches made. Bro. Nickerson got off the following:

Most Worshipful Grand Master: Some of the ideas and the stories that have been given to us by Bro. Van Allen suggest to me a little story which I heard a short time ago, of a brother who felt that he was to undergo a serious and dangerous surgical operation. He went to the hospital to consult the proposed operator, and he said to him, "Would you object to the presence of my pastor during the operation?" The doctor looked puzzled for a moment, and then he said, "Oh, I see; you want to be opened with prayer." (Laughter.)

Lodges, 239; members, 48,415; increase, 1,700.

John A. Blake (Malden), G. M.

Sereno D. Nickerson (Boston), G. S.

MICHIGAN.

61st Communication, Detroit, May 23, 1905.

Fletcher E. Turrell, G. M.

His visits proved the Craft to be in good condition. The excellence of the work is evidence of the thorough and systematic instruction by the Grand Lecturer. Six new lodges were opened.

In the report of the Grand Lecturer we find the following:

During my school at Ann Arbor I was the guest of the Acacia Club, which, I am informed, is a college fraternity, the membership of which is confined to Master Masons. These members already possess a Chapter House at Ann Arbor, which is nicely furnished. They have a ritual for work, which is framed along Masonic lines, and they have extended many courtesies to Master Masons temporarily sojourning at Ann Arbor.

I understand that a number of chapters have already been formed at other colleges, and that more are in contemplation.

Akin to this, is the Sojourners' Club at Lansing. This is an informal association of Master Masons, away from their home lodges, temporarily sojourning at the Capitol, with officers and a short constitution. Their interest in Masonic work has prompted them to become still more proficient in the ritual, and they have, upon invitation, assisted in conferring degrees at different places near Lansing.

If not carried too far, such organizations cannot fail to be productive of great good. There is something in organization that stimulates enthusiasm, and where such organizations as these do not detract from the interest in lodge work proper, they are to be highly commended.

Their Masonic Home has 39 inmates, and the cost of maintenance was \$3.42 per week.

The Grand Secretary reviews our Proceedings for 1904. Lodges, 396; members, 51,871; increase, 2,506.

John Rowson (Grand Rapids), G. M.

Lou B. Winsor (Reed City), G. S.

MINNESOTA.

53rd Communication, St. Paul, January 17, 1906.

Henry M. Tusler, G. M.

He issued dispensations for five new lodges and made a number of official visits.

Resolutions were adopted for the establishment of a Masonic Home, but it is not to be built until at least \$100,000 is secured, of which \$50,000 must be reserved as a permanent endowment fund.

We can now breathe freely for another year:

Your Committee on Ancient Landmarks beg leave to report that nothing has been referred to them for consideration. They have made diligent search through the archives and find the Landmarks all safe.

On the subject of Masonic Homes, Bro. Irving has the following in his review of Montana:

It is the deliberate opinion of a majority of the Craft in this jurisdiction that our plan of dispensing Masonic relief is far preferable to a home, and as a matter of fact our Grand Lodge is doing more good with an average annual expenditure of about \$1,500 than could be accomplished in an institution with at least ten times that amount for maintenance alone, to say nothing of the cost of buildings and equipment. Masonic Homes are expensive luxuries, and cannot be sustained on mere sentiment.

Canada for 1905 has fraternal mention.

Lodges, 241; members, 21,056; increase, 765.

Thomas Morris (Crookston), G. M.

Thomas Montgomery (St. Paul), G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

87th Communication, Jackson, February 23, 1905.

Thomas U. Sisson, G. M.

As an example of the eloquence of the address, we quote the following:

Thus hath man brought the curse upon himself for rejecting God's principle. 'Mid all the gloom and despair there was a quiet and silent force at work. It did not storm and rage and howl. No, it was a still, small voice. In the quiet of the country or the village, or in some sacred retreat of the city, worthy men were brought from darkness to light and

the divine doctrine instilled into them. Thus from age to age men have been taught the universal "Fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man," when their oppressors were engaged in debauches and in revelries.

This doctrine is the Light of Masonry. Its flash was seen in the Grecian and Roman world. But the oppressors of mankind hastened to put it out. How zealously the hired armies of these oppressors and tyrants opposed, with pike, battle axe and spear, this Light, and afterwards how their musketry and cannon were kept loaded to the muzzle to shoot it out! O, how the tyrant hates this Light!—this truth! How often have they crushed it to the earth! It blazed forth and lighted up the skies of England when King John signed the Magna Charta. Then for a time it was crushed out, but its pent up forces exploded and broke the bands that had bound it so long. The explosion blew off King Charles' head and shook all the monarchies of continental Europe. John Milton seizing a torch, lighted it at this conflagration and struck fire to every tyrant's throne and the thunders of these explosions are still resounding around the world. This great Light shot its bright beam athwart the turbid Atlantic, and on our shores was out of reach of the King's musket and cannon: and setting fire to the material here, has created a blaze of light so bright that its reflection on sky and cloud and sea is sending its life-giving rays into the most darkened portions of the earth.

Brethren, how has this principle been nursed and cared for during all these centuries? Who has preserved it from death? What organization has always taught this doctrine? Brethren, but one in the world. Long before King John was compelled to sign Magna Charta; long before Milton hurled his thunderbolts at monarchy, and long before Thomas Jefferson penned the Immortal Declaration, every Mason had at our sacred altar been taught this great principle. No church, no school, no government and no people taught or adhered to this principle or believed in this doctrine. But God in His mysterious way, when all the people of the earth, including His chosen people, Israel, had forsaken Him and His way of government and had denied His universal Fatherhood, or dained this glorious fraternity which has throughout all ages proclaimed to all men one God and one common origin and therefore one universal brotherhood. It is tearing down all national religion, and the God of the Universe speaks to all mankind regardless of his nationality. He is no longer the God of Israel alone, nor that of Moab, nor that of Egypt, nor that of India, nor that of Japan, nor that of America. He is not domiciled in Palestine. The Jordan and the Ganges, the Tiber and the Euphrates hold water wherewith the devout may be baptized unto His service and redemption. This is the glorious truth proclaimed to the world by Masonry. For four thousand years she has proclaimed: "There is but one God, the Father of us all." Call Him Brahma of the Hindus, Ahura Mazda of the Zoroastrians, Buddha of the Buddhist, Jehovah of the Jews, Father in Heaven of the Christians, or what ever else you please, if through and by the name and the word, the heart and mind of man is directed to the Great Creator of the Universe, the one God and the

Father of us all, and by that particular name He is adored and worshipped ; then he who thus worships, if he is otherwise qualified, can become a Mason.

In response to a circular of questions sent out by the Committee on the State of the Craft, a large number of replies were received, from which the committee deduce these conclusions :

Harmony is well nigh universal.

Attendance on lodge communications fairly good.

Membership increasing.

Financial condition good.

Proper care as to moral status and desirability of petitioners prevails to a great extent.

Proper precautions in admitting strangers and visiting brethren generally observed.

A preponderating desire to proceed with erection, equipment and location of Widows' and Orphans' Home on a small scale, at an early date.

A general willingness to bear an additional assessment for maintaining same.

A very small number of possible and probable applicants for admission to said Home.

A cry for "More light"; a yearning for proper knowledge of the secret work and lectures ; a supplication for authentic intelligent teaching, oft repeated. These words are the burdens of many replies, and should appeal to your sympathies and invoke your earnest thought and action.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

The following was unanimously adopted :

Whereas the lesson taught a candidate as he stands for the first time before the altar of Freemasonry is that it is an institution founded on the purest principles of morality and virtue, and

Whereas, the practice of these principles is in many instances being ignored and set aside by the introduction of intoxicating drinks at Masonic banquets, to the detriment of individual members and an everlasting disgrace to the institution ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is a pernicious and unmasonic practice, and should not be upheld or sanctioned by any Mason, and be it further resolved by this Grand Lodge that the use of intoxicants of all kinds should, and, by the authority of this Grand Lodge, is forbidden at all Masonic banquets, picnics, or other Masonic gatherings, and that these resolutions be and are hereby in effect from the date of their adoption, and that the Grand Secretary is instructed, at the earliest possible date, to notify each lodge in this jurisdiction.

88th Communication, Brookhaven, Feb. 20, 1906.

Thomas B. Franklin, G. M.

The death is announced of Bro. A. H. Barkley, P. G. M., and for 40 years a member of Grand Lodge. He

was chairman of Correspondence for over 20 years, and his reports were of the first class.

Unexampled prosperity prevails in the lodges. Five new lodges were opened. The financial conditions are excellent and most of the lodges own their own lodge room.

The National Grand Lodge of Egypt was recognized.

The Masonic Home Endowment Fund now amounts to \$53,000.

The report on Correspondence was commenced by the late lamented Bro. Barclay and finished by Bro. Frederic Speed. Our proceedings for 1905 are kindly noticed.

Lodges, 305; members, 13,252; increase, 1,008.

Charles H. Blum (Shelby), G. M.

Frederic Speed (Vicksburg), G. S.

MISSOURI.

85th Communication, St. Louis, September 26, 1905.

Leroy B. Valliant, G. M.

Bro. Valliant is a judge, and he found the decision of Masonic questions fully as troublesome as those coming before him in court. On other matters he says:

Of the Masonic Home of Missouri, you have no need that I should speak to you. There it stands as a monument to the sincerity of your profession. Many of your old brethren upon whom Time has laid its hand heavily, if not unkindly, have a home there, and their last days are made peaceful and comfortable by your care and providence. There also, the little children, left orphans and friendless, find homes and foster parents and friends—there they are reared under Christian influences, to become good men and women and useful citizens.

The brethren who have charge of the affairs of the Home have, and they deserve to have, our highest commendation for the earnest and efficient work they perform. It is to them a work of love, and their reward comes in a consciousness of good deeds well done.

There was never a time when the work in the degrees was as well understood and as well executed, in Missouri, as at present. This is especially so in the larger towns and cities, where better opportunities for instruction have been afforded, but it is also true in the country lodges, where the brethren have caught the spirit and have sought instruction. Great credit for this result is due to the District Lecturers and the District Deputy Grand Masters throughout the State, who, as a rule, have proven to be efficient and zealous in learning and teaching.

In St. Louis and Kansas City, where the opportunities are best, the results are best. I heard a distinguished Mason, whose position enabled him to know whereof he spoke, a

short while ago, say that St. Louis was the brightest spot, Masonically, in the United States. I am not sure that St. Louis is any brighter than Kansas City—they are both bright spots in Masonry, but as I am more familiar with conditions here than there, I will speak of them.

For a few years past some of the most zealous Masons in St. Louis have been holding meetings in St. Louis, to which all Master Masons, particularly lodge officers, are invited and urged to come. They call themselves the Craftsmen's Club, they work under the supervision of the District Lecturer. Their meetings are largely attended, and if St. Louis is the brightest spot on the Masonic map, the Craftsmen's Club has a large share in the credit of making it so. But, tracing the credit through the various instrumentalities to its source, we come at last to the fountain head of instruction, to him whose soul and mind and body are devoted to the work, whom it is no exaggeration to call the "Grand Old Man," our Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. Allan McDowell. The great significance of his teaching is not in the mere form and ceremony, but in instruction in the meaning of it all—the understanding of the allegories. When the young men of to-day who are receiving his instructions shall have become old men, and their minds turn back, as the minds of old men will, to draw the comparison between the then and the now, and they will say with pride that in their young days they sat at the feet of this Gamaliel and learned their Masonry from him.

Porto Rico was recognized.

Bro. Rufus E. Anderson reports on Correspondence and gives several extracts from our Proceedings for 1904. We may remind him that the Grand Lodge of Canada pays no mileage or per diem to representatives.

Lodges, 574; members, 40,983; increase, 1,624.

A. S. Houston (Mexico), G. M.

John R. Parson (St. Louis), G. S.

MONTANA.

41st Communication, Butte, September 20, 1905.

Lew L. Callaway, G. M.

The proceedings were very brief. All the lodges made returns and paid their fees. There were no appeals or grievances. One new lodge was opened. "Residence" was defined to be the place where the applicant is actually domiciled and where he receives the privileges of citizenship.

In his review of Canada for 1904 the Grand Secretary says:

There is a roll of about 600 beneficiaries receiving sums from \$10 up to \$75. It is not likely that a majority of these would be inmates of a Home if they had one; but to support

one-fourth at the rate of \$150 per annum would cost nearly twice as much as is now granted in benevolences. It strikes one in glancing over the list that a large portion of the population of Canada are widows, and it seems singular, as Canada has not been engaged in any recent wars.

We presume our brothers to the north have canvassed the relative advantages of a Home, and they prefer their present system, which certainly reaches a larger number, and perhaps accomplishes more good by making the beneficiaries depend chiefly on themselves.

Lodges, 53; members, 4,227; increase, 214.

H. L. Frank (Butte), G. M.

Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

48th Communication, Omaha, June 6, 1905.

Charles E. Burnham, G. M.

In his introduction he says:

The affairs of this jurisdiction were never in a more satisfactory condition. The finances are all that could be desired, we have ample funds for all purposes, and never in the history of the Grand Lodge has there been such an amount of money on hand as at the present time. Possibly the net increase of our membership is not as large as in former years, but this is occasioned, in part, by the reason of suspensions, or on account of increase in Grand Lodge dues. It is not always great accretion in membership that denotes strength—in fact, it is sometimes quite the reverse. It may be well to here interpose a word of caution. I believe that the only menace to this jurisdiction retaining its position well up in the front ranks of the Masonic world, is from the apparent interjection of commercialism into our lodges; that is, the tendency to increase our membership simply to obtain the fees and dues, which at times seems to overshadow the principle that it is quality which will strengthen the institution, and not quantity.

The Grand Custodian reports 320 sessions of official schools held in 55 different lodges, with a total attendance of 4,911.

The card registry system was authorized, at a probable cost of one thousand dollars.

The Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Valle de Mexico were recognized. Queensland was deferred.

In his review on our Proceedings of 1904 Bro. Charles J. Phelps has the following on our District Deputies:

Under the District Deputy plan all but five of their three hundred and eighty-one lodges were officially visited during the year. This system seems to be thoroughly worked out

in this jurisdiction. The District Deputy is required to advise and enlighten, and if occasion requires, to criticise, reprimand, or even suspend an offending lodge.

Lodges, 235; members, 14,719; increase, 528.

Melville R. Hopewell (Tekamah), G. M.

Francis E. White (Omaha), G. S.

NEVADA.

41st Communication, Carson City, June 13, 1905.

George Gillson, G. M.

The opening paragraphs of the address of the Grand Master display a fund of eloquence and a true appreciation of the principles and beauties of the Masonic institution:

My feeble voice sounding across the rocky hills and sage-brush-clad plains of Nevada may find an echo on the banks of the sacred Ganges or in "far Cathay": in Egypt's ancient pyramids and Persia's fire-crowned temples; in the frozen peaks of Iceland and Arabia's burning sands, as well as in every city and hamlet of Europe and our own broad land.

With an organization so vast in its scope as to both time and place, who can limit the influence of the achievements of our noble order. And who, my brothers, among us can fail to feel, in all its solemnity, the obligation resting upon us, as individuals, to further the work and to follow in our own lives the course mapped out for us in the grand scheme of Masonry.

When the haughty Roman dames were boasting of and exhibiting with ignoble rivalry, their costly adornments, the noble Cornelia said, pointing with a loftier pride to her children, "these are my jewels."

Her words have come to us "down the ringing grooves" of Time, and may not we repeat them as proudly, pointing to "the three jewels of Masonry," as our Manual calls them, "inculcating the practice of these truly commendable virtues"—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth—these priceless gems of soul which far "outshine the wealth of Ormus and of Ind." and which glorify the wearer though clad in poorest gird, as no jewel of the mine could ever do.

Love—which includes and embraces all in its heavenly ministrations: Relief—which is Love's proof and materialization; Truth—rarest of virtue on this earth and the one most essential in the formation of a manly character.

When Hiram of Tyre laid the first stone in the grandest of all earth's temples, and, with the same stroke of the trowel, the foundation of Masonry, we, who have lived in an age which demonstrates the incalculable worth and endurance of the order of which we are proud to be members, may well be justified in saying, "He builded better than he knew."

For even the Temple of Solomon in all its glory could not have shone more dazzlingly before the astonished eyes of its

beholders than does the fair and mystic fabric of Masonry to the gaze of the world.

That material temple has been leveled with the dust, while Masonry still stands as it has stood for ages and will stand forever.

It has been said that "a good Mason is a good man," and the statement is logically incontrovertible.

The underlying principles of Masonry are the basis of all human goodness, nobility, chivalry toward woman, and honesty toward man.

Even the seemingly opposing virtues find in it exemplification.

Gentleness walks hand in hand with courage, mercy with justice, leniency toward other's faults and failings with unswerving personal rectitude, generous hospitality with temperance and self-control—every virtue without its accompanying vice.

The details show that the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge was in good hands, and we are glad to congratulate our old friend on his success and on the esteem in which he is held by his brethren.

The Grand Orient of Brazil was recognized, as was also the Grand Lodge of Benito Juarez, one of the numerous Grand Lodges of Mexico. The application of Queensland was deferred and that of Argentina was refused.

We are glad to copy the following from the excellent report of Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth:

On the flag question we agree with Bro. Titcomb and have fully expressed our views along the same line. Bro. Barlow deems the display of the American flag in the lodge room perfectly proper, as among the first lessons taught in Masonry is that of loyalty to the government under which we live. Perfectly proper, of course. Equally as proper would be the display of the Ten Commandments, suitably framed, as a Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, but why display either? Masonry's every lesson inculcates obedience to the government of the country in which we live. A true Mason must be a true patriot. Its every lesson also tends to make the brother who obeys a more virtuous man. Our English brethren define Masonry as "a science of morality." When it comes down to universality, which is Masonry's most prominent characteristic, the weight is in favor of the display of the decalogue of Moses. Neither is as universal as Masonry, and neither is universally fit for display, though both are perfectly proper. Yield not to the spirit of display. Masonry's lessons are forcible enough without display.

We differ with Bros. Titcomb and Barlow as to receiving the petitions of Roman Catholics. Bro. Titcomb's pen was dashing along the highroad of universality a few moments

ago. Why forsake it? If the candidate believes in God and is otherwise worthy and well qualified, he is eligible, say we. Bro. Titcomb fears a Roman Catholic may "switch off." So may the finest locomotive on the best laid track, but through trains keep running on the same old line. So with Masonry. She continues business along the same old lines. Like Tennyson's brook, "Men may come and men may go, but she goes on forever." When it comes to the switchers pouring her secrets into the ears of Papal Rome, why brother, you know as well as we do that what Papacy doesn't know about Masonry isn't worth knowing. Still Masonry lives. Let the Roman Catholics have the same right to come and go as all other worthy brothers. A bad Methodist Mason is no worse than a bad Roman Catholic Mason, and can do no more harm. Apply Byron's forcible definition of a woman: "A woman so she's good, what does it signify?" A Mason, so he's good, what does it signify? To Bro. Barlow, we beg to say, our experience has proven that Roman Catholics can be as good Masons as any one else. Let's not fight the Roman church because she fights us. That's not Masonry, and besides the Roman church can not harm Masonry. She is no more invincible than the Pope is infallible. History has proven it.

Canada for 1904 has a good notice.

Lodges, 22; members, 1,030; increase, 45.

Charles A. Beemer (Sparks), G. M.

Chauncey N. Noteware (Carson City), G. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

38th Communication, St. John, August 22, 1905.

Edwin J. Everett, G. M.

The past year was uneventful. Harmony prevails and the lodges are in a vigorous and healthy state. The Grand Master reports two new lodges.

The Committee on Ritual carefully went over all the ceremonies and found that there is uniformity of work in the jurisdiction, such differences as exist, and they are not numerous, being almost wholly in phraseology. Agreement was come to upon all the points of difference, and the committee entrusted to the memory of two of its members the exact wording in these cases, these brethren undertaking to visit the lodges and to explain where explanation is necessary.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized. The report on this subject is by M. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, one of the most able and best informed Masons to be found anywhere. We copy the conclusion of his report, which sustains our position that there is no rule re-

quiring a majority of the lodges to form a new Grand Lodge:

There are remonstrances from the Grand Lodges of Scotland and of England against recognizing this Grand Lodge, but this Grand Lodge was itself formed upon the theory that the lodges in an independent political jurisdiction had a perfect right to form a Grand Lodge. On that principle the Grand Lodge of Queensland was formed and has been recognized by many Grand Lodges. Queensland is certainly entitled to have a Grand Lodge of its own, and while it is not established by a majority of the lodges in the State, there were nearly forty lodges concerned in its formation. Your committee are of the opinion that it should be recognized as an independent Masonic authority for the aforesaid State and fraternal relations entered into with it.

Lodges, 35; members, 2,200; increase, 55.

Edwin J. Everett (St. John), G. M.

J. Twining Hartt (St. John), G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

116th Communication, Concord, May 17, 1905.

The Grand Master, Bro. Henry I. Hazelton, was absent through illness and his address was read by the Deputy. Representatives were exchanged with Western Australia, Costa Rica and New South Wales.

A committee was appointed to prepare a digest of the decisions of the Grand Lodge.

We are glad to notice that perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates will be abolished in this jurisdiction. The Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, say in conclusion:

The situation is such that the principle of perpetual jurisdiction, which was a wise thing and worked good results in the earlier days of the craft, and exercised a salutary influence over its management, at the present time owing to the change of situation, increase in numbers, and broadened purposes for which Masonry is recognized and stands, it seems wise that we should adopt a rule that conforms as nearly as practicable to that established in the majority of the states, and which the craft generally assents to as wise and proper.

In view of these considerations the committee would recommend that the Grand Lodge so amend its rules and regulations as to establish the five year limit to jurisdiction over rejected material.

The committee recommend that an amendment to the grand constitution be filed for consideration at the proper time, providing for the proposed change of the law.

The same committee reported on life membership in part as follows:

There is quite a distinction between the principle upon which life membership is sustained, and that by which a lodge is authorized to remit the payment of annual dues. It being the duty of the members to pay their annual dues, there is no consideration derived from such payment whereby the lodge is under any obligations or has any authority to exempt them from their payment or make any distinction in the matter of relationship to the lodge by reason thereof.

An assessment is the levy of a tax upon the members of a lodge for some extraordinary purpose. It has no relation to the annual dues and is not governed by any by-law concerning them. It is lawful upon the ground that the lodge has authority to maintain its existence and discharge the duties of Masonry and require an equal payment from all its members.

It is our opinion that the creating of life membership and the exemption of members from payment of annual dues by reason of having paid for a term of years, such dues, until the aggregate amount shall equal forty dollars, as in this case, is entirely without consideration and is unwarranted, either in moral ethics or Masonic law.

Such a by-law is unconscionable and creates an inequality between the different members of the lodge.

The principle at the bottom of all taxation and all requirements concerning the payment of money as such, either to societies or municipalities, is the same—it is that in all respects there should be an equality in the burdens as well as in rights and privileges.

It is in our opinion that the lodge has authority to make an assessment upon all its members, both those who are within and without this classification of "life membership" alike, and it is their duty to pay the same.

In future the names of candidates are not to be printed in the notices of meetings.

Bro. A. S. Wait again reports on Correspondence and reviews our Proceedings for 1904.

Lodges, 79; members, 9,565; decrease, 7.

Ira A. Chase (Bristol), G. M.

Frank D. Woodbury (Concord), G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

118th Communication, Trenton, March 22, 1905.

John H. Wilkins, G. M.

The Grand Master made over 100 visitations. On the work of the District Grand Lodges he says:

The usual number of District Grand Lodges have been held during the year. From the reports I have received, and by personal observation, I am convinced that the Craft has a

thorough knowledge of the Ritual, and the zeal which the officers display in seeking to be as near perfect as possible, is very gratifying to the Grand Master and reflects great credit upon the Grand Lodge and District Deputies. This has not been the work of one or two years, but is the result of patient, laborious and painstaking efforts on their part. To properly attend to their duties they must devote a great deal of their time, energy and thought. They are the representatives of the Grand Master in their respective districts, and it is to them that the Grand Master looks to be kept informed of the condition of affairs and of the welfare of the Craft. I desire to follow the example of my predecessors, and extend to them my warmest thanks and approbation for their loyalty and assistance during the year.

Their Masonic Home is doing good work. There are 64 inmates, and the per capita cost of maintenance was \$271.04 for the year. The farm was a decided success, producing \$2,000 worth of farm products, showing a profit of \$633.89. The new Orphanage has been completed, a substantial building for the little ones, and handsomely furnished.

Bro. W. Holt Apgar has an excellent report on Correspondence. Canada for 1904 has a good notice. On the Grand Master question he has the following remarks:

Now, as to the office of Grand Master. All ancient Masonic manuscripts, beginning with Halliwell in 1390, speak of a General Assembly of Masons as an existing institution convened annually. Who called this assembly? Who presided over it? The title of the office is of little consequence. The fact that there was such an officer confirms the conclusion reached by our committee. In the ancient charges compiled in 1717, from all available sources, the office of Grand Master is three times referred to, but never as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He is there stated to be "The Grand Master of all the Lodges." If speculative Masonry had its origin in 1717, at the formation of the Grand Lodge of England; if, in other words, it was a creation and not a development, then the position of our brothers in Wyoming and Illinois would undoubtedly be correct. But speculative Masonry was a development—a plant of gradual growth from the old guild of Masons existing in England for countless ages, and imported into that country from France and Rome. That this was so is conclusively proved by the fact that the Grand Lodge of England was formed by lodges then in existence. From whence did they derive their authority? How and by what authority were they created? They antedated the Grand Lodge by many years. Was their creation spontaneous, or did they owe their existence to an authorized Masonic authority? That the latter is the true solution of the question is proved conclusively by this extract from the ancient charges in which the ruler of the Craft is spoken of, 'not

as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, but as the Grand Master of all the Lodges.

Lodges, 177; members, 23,487; increase, 1,386.

Benjamin F. Wakefield (Passaic), G. M.

Thomas H. R. Redway (Trenton), G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Proceedings from June, 1904, to June, 1905.

Four quarterly and two special meetings.

John C. Remington, G. M.

At a special installation meeting on July 18, 1904, there were nearly 3,500 brethren, including a number of distinguished visitors from the neighboring States. The Governor-General, Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, K.C.B., who is a Past Grand Warden of England, was present, and also the Grand Master and other Grand Officers from Queensland. In the response of the Governor-General we find the following:

All along the line, wherever we look, it does not matter whether it is at the number of lodges, the number of Masons, the number of new certificates issued, or in the financial and charitable work of the Craft, everywhere we find the same impulse given to Freemasonry by our Grand Master. (Applause.) Since we were here last year I have travelled a good deal through the State, and I have visited a few of your lodges and have been delighted with the excellent manner in which their working is carried out. (Applause.) The Grand Master has made a few remarks, which are very complimentary to me, with reference to the possibility of my being elected to the office of Grand Master, but I hope to see its present occupant continue in the chair, for I feel that you have in him one who can do such good work for the Craft as to make Freemasonry a living force in New South Wales, while I certainly should not have the time to attend to the duties as I should think it necessary to do if I held such an exalted position.

The lodges presented to the Grand Master, on his sixth re-election, his portrait in oils, specially painted for the occasion, and a diamond pendant to Mrs. Remington.

September 14, 1904.

The following was adopted:

That this Grand Lodge do grant its fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, formed on the 25th April, 1904, as a sister Grand Lodge, and that the hearty congratulations of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to R. W. Bro. George Samuel Hutton upon his election as Grand Master of Queensland.

June 13, 1905.

The Grand Master says:

I had the pleasure last month of a visit, all too brief, from M. W. Bro. Richard T. Walkem, K. C., a Past Grand Master of Canada. He was only a few days in Sydney, but was fortunately able to accompany me to the installation meeting at Petersham, of Lodge Prince Alfred, No. 94. He was highly pleased with the work, and was good enough to say that he would carry back with him to his own Grand Lodge pleasant recollections of the prosperous and happy state of Freemasonry in New South Wales.

Permission was given to a lodge to wear a jubilee jewel in commemoration of their working for over fifty years. The fee for the permit was fixed at five guineas.

The Grand Inspector of Workings in his report says:

A change in established rule, custom and practice is creeping in in some of the lodges in respect to the position of the Ashlars. For all time in New South Wales they have been placed on either side of the Tracing Board, and to me that is the correct position for them. Although precedent for such an opinion cannot be found, yet the highest authorities agree on the point that they should be on the floor of the lodge, from the fact that our ritual lays it down that they are the material for the brethren to work and practise upon. In two lodges I have observed them on the dais, and I trust that such an innovation will be discontinued and that they be placed according to our established custom in their regularly recognized positions.

Bro. Arthur J. Scott reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

The progress of the Craft is thus shown:

The total number of lodges in active work is 201, an increase of three during the year.

Subscribing members number 10,510, an increase of 466 since our last annual report.

Grand Lodge Fund increased by £339 to £3,585.

Benevolent Fund increased by £770 to £10,764.

Freemasons' Orphan Society, increased by £809 to £26,229.

Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, increased by £450 to £8,419.

The territory is divided into metropolitan and 23 country districts, under inspectors, whose quarterly reports will be found embodied in these proceedings.

Sir Harry Rawson (Sydney), G. M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G. S.

NEW ZEALAND.

Annual Communication, Palmerston, May 10, 1905.
Alfred H. Burton, G. M.

They are in the happy position of being able to discourage the increase of lodges, regarding quality rather than numbers. The Grand Master spent over six weeks in visiting, and he reports a healthy condition throughout almost all the lodges.

The matter of circular appeals for assistance is causing some trouble. Of late years there has been a greater number of these appeals promoted by the 50 lodges remaining under their old constitutions than by the 140 under Grand Lodge. The President of the Board says:

For 15 years Grand Lodge has, without let or hindrance, suffered her lodges to be flooded with appeals from those who prefer remaining under the old constitutions. Surely if there is a reason for the 39 lodges of the English Constitution, the 5 lodges of the Irish Constitution, and the 11 lodges of the Scottish Constitution remaining under their several home governments, they should at least face the responsibility of providing for those of their members who may require assistance.

After some discussion, the following was adopted:

That it be an instruction to the Boards of Benevolence and General Purposes to submit to the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge a definite proposal confining the issue of circular appeals to the lodges under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

The Board had no hesitation in recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland recognized the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in 1899. Afterwards they said they did not mean it, and they now submit what they call Articles of Recognition, which contain conditions impossible for New Zealand to accept, as they would involve perpetual co-ordination of authority in the territory. One of these conditions is that the Grand Lodge of Scotland might at any time revive any of their dormant lodges, and another was that if any lodge was desirous of working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland it could obtain a charter from that Grand Lodge. Then they wind up with the following extraordinary threat:

In the event of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, or its subordinate lodges or members, refusing or failing to comply

with the foregoing conditions within twelve months from the last date hereof, the Grand Lodge of Scotland shall hold that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is no longer desirous of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the latter shall be entitled to continue to exercise its sovereign jurisdiction in the said colony as heretofore, irrespective of the existence of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and as if the same had no existence.

The correspondence is voluminous and we can only give the conclusion of the last reply of New Zealand:

There has been no misapprehension upon our part concerning the terms of your letter of 2nd March, 1899, and no justification whatever exists for your Grand Lodge attempting or threatening to revoke its deliberate and voluntary act, nor can we for one moment believe that your Grand Lodge would seriously entertain such an idea. The misunderstanding has been on your part, and the need for written Articles of Agreement has arisen from the unwarrantable action of your Provincial Grand Master in the North Island in establishing a new lodge in this territory after recognition had been accorded to us, and your Grand Lodge's having upheld him in what is clearly an invasion of our sovereign rights.

The Articles submitted by you are out of the question, for the reason set forth in our letter of 17th November, and we trust you will accept those of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, thus securing uniformity of conditions and lessening the chance of misunderstanding in future.

A valuable gift was received from Bro. F. J. Browne, of Dawson City, consisting of three gavels made from the ivory tusks of an extinct mastodon, with stands to match, all heavily mounted with pure gold taken out of Bro. Browne's mine in the Klondike.

Five new lodges are reported, two of them formerly under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Lodges, 135; members, 7,221; increase, 590.

Alfred H. Burton, G. M.

Malcolm Niccol (Dunedin), G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

119th Communication, Raleigh, January 9, 1906.

W. S. Liddell, G. M.

The year has been one of unprecedented growth, the Grand Lecturers have had all the work they could do, and harmony pervades the entire jurisdiction. The Oxford Orphan Asylum remains their brightest jewel and the pride of North Carolina Masons. Eleven new lodges were established and three dormant lodges revived.

The District Deputy system was adopted.

Cuba, Costa Rica and Queensland were recognized.

Bro. John A. Collins reports on Correspondence. Extracts from our Proceedings of 1905 are given with complimentary remarks. From the review of Montana we quote his remarks on Masonic Homes:

In the political division known as North Carolina there are very few rich men, as that term is understood to-day, and not many very poor—none so poor as to go hungry. Some of our lodges contribute to the relief of needy brethren and their families, and when the lodge is unable to assume the whole expense, sister lodges are asked to help, and they generally respond cheerfully. This local help of the lodges, and the habit of our people to be self-reliant and to shrink from receiving alms, are the factors that have contributed in keeping the "indigent worthy brother" out of sight in North Carolina. But with the changed conditions following the erection of a Home the majority of these unseen dependents would come out of the woods and present themselves for admission, obviously because lodges and individual Masons would willingly transfer the care of these to Grand Lodge. The Homes for old men and women have ever impressed us with the belief that they are too costly to the benefactors and unsatisfactory to the beneficiaries. We firmly believe that the money expended in pay of officers and attendants, in maintenance and repairs and betterments, insurance and other expenses would bring better results if judiciously disbursed to these old people at their homes. But we have no quarrel with those who believe in the institutional system and have only feeling of admiration and respect for the goodness of heart and zeal which keep Bro. Hedges in front of the line. To use a local phrase, we are "sot in our ways" on this subject and can see no better way.

Lodges, 338; members, 15,528; increase, 950.

F. D. Winston (Windsor), G. M.

John C. Drewry (Raleigh), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

16th Communication, Grand Forks, June 27, 1905.

James W. Foley, G. M.

The Grand Master reports two new lodges. Harmony prevails and most of the lodges are doing well.

The Grand Lecturer held 66 Schools of Instruction, in all the chartered lodges except seven.

Porto Rico and Queensland were recognized.

The following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved, That the functions of Grand Lecturer include those of a Grand Auditor, whose duties shall consist in examining the records of particular lodges, and instructing them in a uniform system of keeping their minutes, accounts,

card systems, and all work of a business nature, as well as to instruct in the ritualistic and esoteric work, and that said officer shall be appointed in consultation with the Grand Secretary and work in conjunction with the Grand Secretary's office the better to facilitate the duties thereof.

It was decided to limit the Correspondence report to a compilation of decisions and legislation, which is certainly very dull reading to most of the members.

Just as the tellers had finished counting the ballots for Bro. Grant S. Hagar, Deputy Grand Master, an awful hail storm broke over the city, destroying all of the windows at the Grand East, and the wind scattered the Grand Secretary's papers and the ballots promiscuously over the lodge room. The brethren rushed to the dining room for tables and barricaded the windows of the lodge room with them, holding them in place through great efforts. The streets were filled for the time being with runaway horses, it being impossible for the drivers to live in the fusilade of hail stones which fell. The Grand Secretary had fortunately made a memorandum of the ballot, which he preserved from the ravages of the storm. Some were unkind enough to say that the storm came as a result of Bro. Hagar's election, but Bro. Hagar declared that it was the applause of heaven. Whatever the cause, it was an event which the members of Grand Lodge will not soon forget. It is needless to say that confusion prevailed among the workmen, and the dignity of the occasion was forgotten in the excitement of the moment. In due time order was restored, none of the brethren were injured, and peace and harmony prevailed.

Lodges, 74; members, 5,153; increase, 306.

Louis A. Jacobson (Hope), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

40th Communication, Sydney, C. B., June 14, 1905.

Charles R. Smith, G. M.

The Craft is prospering and harmony prevails. The Grand Master had a busy year and filled the office with great ability. He made numerous visits and opened a new lodge at Sydney.

The District Deputies made full reports, showing duties well performed.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

It was resolved that:

No lodge in this jurisdiction shall be permitted to confer degrees at the request of another lodge unless such request is transmitted through the Grand Secretary, and the same course is to be pursued in applying for a waiver of jurisdiction.

The following was adopted:

That each member of every subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction shall contribute yearly the sum of twenty-five cents towards the support of aged and indigent Freemasons in some suitable Masonic institution, in addition to his regular dues to his lodge, and that each lodge shall collect and send with its annual returns to Grand Lodge such additional amount, not less than twenty-five cents per capita of its full membership.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 66; members, 4,417; increase, 246.

Charles R. Smith (Amherst), G. M.

Thomas Mowbray (Halifax), G. S.

OHIO.

96th Communication, Cincinnati, October 18, 1905.

Clifford G. Ballou, G. M.

Before the address of the Grand Master was delivered a pleasant episode took place. Bro. W. M. Cunningham, P. G. M., was addressed in complimentary terms and congratulated on his having completed 50 years of service in the Grand Lodge. Reference was made to his many and important services, especially those of Foreign Correspondent for the past 20 years. A gold medal, specially struck in his honor, was presented to him with many tokens of esteem and appreciation by the brethren.

The Grand Master reports a prosperous year. Every lodge in the State was inspected by the District Lecturers. The Grand Master believes it is dangerous to organize weak lodges. He would not open Grand Lodge unless "Old Glory" was conspicuously displayed. He visited extensively, meeting and addressing 9,162 Masons.

By-laws providing for life membership were disapproved.

A committee was appointed on the celebration of their centenary in 1908.

The following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved. That the explanation of the Council of Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina and its disavowal of any intent to harbor or recognize irregular or clandestine Masons is, in our estimation, ample.

Resolved. That we are in sympathy with the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina in its efforts towards an intelligent understanding and exchange of Masonic information and the promotion

of truly Masonic ideals, and that we heartily congratulate it upon the work it has already accomplished in this direction.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham presented his 24th report on Correspondence, and we can see no abatement of his great mental ability. His report is full of information and intensely interesting. In his introduction we find the following:

In a recent communication of Bro. Hughan, to the Masonic Voice and Review, he says "Operative lodges received and adopted Speculative Neophytes from the fifteenth century (and by tradition centuries before then), minutes of such receptions existing from the year 1600. The Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, Scotland, the oldest in the world, possesses a series of records of its meetings from 1599 down to the present year of grace, thus overlapping the 'revival' and grand lodge eras.

"There are many lodges which have preserved their minutes for two hundred and fifty years or more. Precisely when lodges for speculative objects were established is not quite clear. In England we meet with one under the wing of the 'Masons' Company,' of London, from 1620-21. Its grant of arms dates from 1472, and is ours, in part, by adoption. It was this lodge that was visited in 1682 by Elias Ashmole, who was admitted as a member of the Speculative lodge held at Warrington in 1646, as described in his famous dairy—a class lodge really, and one of the earliest known.

"After a long and close study of the history of the Fraternity, I have no hesitation in declaring that I consider the continuity of the society for at least five hundred years can be, and has been, clearly proved by actual documents, that by tradition it is more ancient, and that its nature and principles are such that so long as brethren practice what they are taught in our lodges Freemasonry is one of the oldest, most beneficent, loyal, patriotic and fraternal institutions in the universe."

Probably the oldest Masonic medal extant is that struck in commemoration of the foundation of a lodge in Florence by Lord Charles Sackville, Duke of Middlesex, in the year 1733. He was the great-grandson of Thomas Sackville, who in 1561 was Grand Master of the Masons acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of York.

There are two specimens of the Sackville medal in the British Museum, and two in the collection attached to Bodley's Library at Oxford. Both the examples in the British Museum are in silver; one of those at Oxford is in gold and the other in silver.

A fifth example is in the renowned collection of W. Bro. George W. Bain, of Sunderland.

A sixth specimen is in the collection of the Lodge Archimedes, in Altenburg. These six are all that are known to be in existence.

There can be no doubt of the sincerity of Charles Sackville's liking for Florence and its society, judging by the prolongation of his stay there. He left himself barely time

enough to stop a few days in Paris on his hurried return journey to England, or, rather, to Ireland. Leaving Florence in June, in time to accompany his father, "with a very great retinue," to Ireland.

The Earl of Middlesex had not been in Dublin many weeks before we find him attending a "Grand Meeting" of Free Masons, in very good company, viz.:

"1733. Dublin, Saturday, Nov. 24.—On Thursday last, being the 22nd inst. there was a Grand Meeting of the Right Worshipful Society of Free Masons at the Hoop Tavern on Cork Hill, where was present the Rt. Worshipful the Lord Viscount Kingsland, Grand Master; the Lord Viscount Tyrone, Deputy Grand Master; the Right Hon. the Lord Kingston the Earl of Middlesex, the Lord Viscount Mountjoy, Sir Seymour Pyle, Bart., etc."

Canada for 1904 receives fraternal mention.

In his review of Connecticut he says:

Whilst being in accord with our M. W. Brother upon so many Masonic matters, yet we do not concur in his views as noted under Washington, viz., that the ceremonies of the Third degree teach "the resurrection of the body" (i. e., the natural body). On the contrary, the raising noted is of the spiritual "unto life," and for a reburial only of the natural body, hence the misapplication. That the immortality of the soul is taught in every degree of lesson of Freemasonry is doubtless true, and that as St. Paul says (I Cor. xv. 44). "It is sown a natural body: it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body," is also a self-evident truth.

The words of the ritual even would seem to not justify this comparatively modern signification. Ancient Symbology would indicate that, as in the corresponding mysteries of antiquity, by the ceremonies referred to, reference is doubtless had to "Lost Truth." That with mankind darkness prevailed, the murderous assaults of ignorance, fanaticism, and crime having caused the "burial" of "Goodness and Truth" in the obscure grave of doubt, desolation and despair: after its search, when found, the subjugation of the spirit of evil by divine love and wisdom, their separation from the putridity of their environments and the restoration and elevation of "Goodness and Truth" to spiritual power and control, followed by the subsequent burial of the evil and false, symbolized by the decaying body so long deprived of life, would, in the opinion of the writer, be a more satisfactory explanation of this beautiful symbolism and its solemnity be the more enhanced because divested of errors fully indicated in the esoteric lesson.

And under "Idaho":

More than half a century's observation is a confirmation of the opinion that those brethren who are the most loyal, earnest workers in Freemasonry are largely among those who are not satisfied to remain in ignorance of its literature or

other degrees or to confine their Masonic knowledge to the narrow limits of merely the literal ritual of the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

The intelligent Masonic student is the one who knows that the Masonry of those degrees dominates or ranks all other grades, and it is only the narrow-minded, non-reading Mason who, upon the one hand, is satisfied to be called a Mason without any effort upon his part to know more of its teachings and its mysteries, or the seeker after notoriety and display, upon the other hand, who imagines that tinsel and high sounding names confer rank upon him above his fellows: neither of which classes are of much use to the fraternity.

Lodges, 505; members, 61,636; increase, 3,393.

Lewis P. Schaus (Newark), G. M.

J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G. S.

OKLAHOMA.

11th Communication, Guthrie, February 13, 1906.

George H. Phillips, G. M.

The address is full of details of official work. We extract a few samples and decisions:

Mrs. Alice D. Montfort, of Chandler, sent out a chain letter asking aid for an Odd-Fellows' Orphan's Home.

Some enthusiast, in making his or her three copies of the letter, changed the I. O. O. F. to A. F. & A. M. and the trouble began. Letters of inquiry began coming from different parts of the United States, and were so frequent that I directed our Grand Secretary to issue an explanatory circular to every Grand Jurisdiction in the United States denying any Masonic connection with the letter.

On August 21, I directed the Grand Secretary to post R. F. Clark, of Scottsville Lodge, Scottsville, Ill., who was suspended by them for one year for gross unmasonic conduct, as a fraud and imposter. I did this on complaint of some of our brothers who had been imposed on by him.

September 25th I posted W. D. McKitchen as an imposter.

On January 8th, 1906, I wrote to the Master of Beaver Lodge, No. 128, to have charges preferred against John Malone and expel him from our Order. This was done because in 1896 Malone visited Ponsa City Lodge, Washashe Lodge at Pawhuska, and Pawnee Lodge, when he was not a Mason, for which our Grand Lodge had ordered him posted as an imposter.

There has been trouble in several of our lodges, but in every case but one peace and harmony have prevailed, being induced by that spirit of brotherly love and charity which should ever characterize us.

Nardin Lodge had a lodge trial which was presided over by R. W. G. S. W., F. D. Sparks, who settled the whole trouble with both sides satisfied and peace prevailing.

I received a letter from a brother member of Waukomis Lodge containing statements that caused me to send Bro. M. A. Kelso, of Enid Lodge, down to investigate, which he did and sent me the affidavits of several of the brothers with the suggestion that I go personally. I accordingly made my arrangements to go, but was unavoidably prevented, and at the last hour prevailed on Bro. L. N. Bushorr, P. M. of Pawnee Lodge No. 17, to go in my stead.

In his report to me he stated that his investigation ended in a love feast, the trouble was gone over and all of the charges and counter charges were withdrawn.

I went to Oklahoma City and adjusted some misunderstanding between the brothers of that jurisdiction.

Will the fact established by evidence of such a continuous series of business dealings in the character of buying and not paying for goods from everybody who can be induced to sell him warrant and support a charge of fraudulent treatment of the transaction?

Answer: Yes, but leaving out the fraudulent intent such actions tend to bring "the good name of Masonry into reproach." I think your lodge should take cognizance.

H. T. King, Master of Agra Lodge, asks if they can confer degrees on a man who is under indictment.

Answer: Yes, but it is not expedient, wait for the law's action.

Question by R. J. Woodman, Secretary Lambert, U. D.: We rent from I. O. O. F. They are going to move the lodge building to new townsite, three-fourths of a mile away, and may move it before our lodge meets. What shall we do?

Answer: Follow Masonic Law, and if building is moved before you can take proper action you have done your duty. Moving the lodge is hereby approved.

Question by Good Will Lodge, No. 129, Cushing, O. T.: A brother is ready for his third degree, when he is arrested, charged with assault and battery. Shall we confer the degree or wait?

Answer: From your statement of facts I see no reason why the brother should not take the third degree.

Texmo Lodge wants to move their lodge room 1.100 feet, and wants to know if they must follow the law as given in article 8, section 12.

Answer: Yes, unless the new site is within the present city limits. If so, you do not need my permission.

Fifteen new lodges were opened:

The Grand Lecturer visited and instructed 72 lodges, and he reports very considerable progress.

At the evening session an hour was spent in the discussion of Masonic jurisprudence, the brethren propounding interrogatories and the Grand Master answering them with the assistance of the Past Grand Masters.

Resolutions were adopted to further the establishment of a Masonic Home.

An amendment to the Constitution seems to indicate that in future Past Masters will not be members of Grand Lodge.

In his review of Canada for 1905 the Grand Secretary says:

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show a most perfect system of supervision that we find in no other Grand Lodge, giving as it does the membership and work of each lodge, the amount expended for relief and insurance, the average attendance, financial standing and various other matters of interest which makes these reports very complete.

A notable feature of this Journal is the historical address delivered by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson. Too lengthy to reproduce and quotations would spoil it.

Lodges, 141; members, 6,777; increase, 837.

Fred D. Sparks (Ponca City), G. M.

James S. Hunt (Guthrie), G. S.

OREGON.

55th Communication, Portland, June 14, 1905.

Thomas Gray, G. M.

He reports but one decision:

The only response which might possibly be classed as a decision was one in reply to the question as to whether a Mason who is a member of a lodge in New York, and engaged in keeping a saloon in Oregon, would, if he should die, be entitled to a Masonic funeral.

To this my reply was as follows: "That Masonic burial should be denied any Master Mason holding membership in any other jurisdiction, who at the time of his death was engaged in an occupation prohibited to Masons by our penal code: notwithstanding the restriction does not exist in the Grand Lodge from which he hails."

This ruling was approved, and we presume it is in accord with their law, but hardly with the comity that should prevail among Grand Lodges. New Yorkers should be careful not to die in Oregon.

Perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates was very properly abolished. A Constitutional amendment was adopted fixing the period at five years from the date of rejection.

Bro. J. M. Hodson reports on Correspondence and reviews Canada for 1904. We may remind him that our Grand Lodge pays no mileage or per diem, so that it is not surprising that all our lodges are not represented in Grand Lodge.

In his notice of Delaware he has the following on non-affiliates :

The best medicine we know of is for the faithful to strive to live up to our obligations, and make the lodge such an interesting home that the otherwise careless can not afford to forego its pleasures. For the slothful brother who will neither attend lodge nor pay dues we have but little use, and less sympathy ; the sooner he is off the list the better for the Fraternity. It was a mistake to ever initiate him. It requires a peculiar class of mind and heart to make a really useful and worthy Mason, and where these qualities are absent all the dues you can ever collect will never pay for your trouble.

We also quote as follows :

Every true Mason realizes two sides to the body of Masonry. One, the secular, which is devoted to fraternity, business and the social virtues ; all well enough—in fact, good, and greatly to be coveted and guarded, in their proper places. Another, the religious, which takes the candidate in a state of nature, in darkness, and step by step unfolds to him, by thorough explanation of ritualistic teachings, and by symbols conveys to his mind the most perfect system of religious philosophy ever taught to man, and which, if comprehended and obeyed, brings him into perfect light. Demonstrating the Fatherhood of God and establishing the Brotherhood of Man. And while vigorously supporting secular Masonry, we hold it as the most sacred duty of every teacher and writer to be ever ready to impress the deeper and more valuable principles which, if understood and worked out in life, truly fits for the Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Lodges, 107; members, 7,322; increase, 342.

W. H. Flanagan (Grant's Pass), G. M.

James F. Robinson (Eugene), G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

During the year 1905, 24,897 persons visited the library, an increase of 2,476 over the previous year. We copy part of the report of the Library Committee :

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. George W. Kendrick, Jr., has deposited in the library his Masonic jewels, numbering 23 pieces of gold and silver and ornamented with precious stones, which will be properly framed, and will make an interesting and valuable addition to the large collection of Masonic jewels, numbering 217 pieces, now the property of Grand Lodge. When Bro. Kendrick becomes R. W. Grand Master he will have occupied all the highest positions in the Grand Bodies of this jurisdiction.

From Bro. W. A. MacCalla and Mrs. M. MacCalla Foster,

son and daughter of Past Grand Master Bro. Clifford P. Mac-Calla, his Masonic jewels and the books on Freemasonry from his library.

From Bro. Jacob W. Jackson, one of the oldest Past Masters of Franklin Lodge, No. 134, a finely hand painted and embroidered apron dated 1813.

Lodge No. 51 has deposited a punk boat from China and used at their Table Lodge for the past sixty years, two blue china pitchers purchased in 1793, two decorated and gilt china pitchers purchased in 1813, and 13 pieces of china and glass from the set of china purchased by the lodge in London in 1809.

From the committee on the sesqui-centennial anniversary of the initiation of Bro. George Washington, a fine walnut case, containing the souvenir medals and plates and seven volumes bound in half-morocco, with all the invitations, programs, menus, newspaper clippings, cards of admission, and letters connected with that event.

In addition to the above your committee has secured by purchase the following:

The Sentimental and Masonic Magazine, Volumes 1 to 5, Dublin, 1792-1794. Bro. W. J. Chetwoode Crawley, R. W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in writing to the librarian and congratulating the Grand Lodge on obtaining these volumes further says, "the Sentimental and Masonic Magazine is one of the rarest sets in Masonic literature."

A complete set of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England from 1770 to date.

Almost complete sets of The Freemason and of The Free-mason's Chronicle, both published in England.

Through gifts and purchase the china Masonic pitchers, plates, etc., now number 127 pieces, and the medals and mark pennies now number nearly 900 pieces.

The sum of \$500 was appropriated to the fund for the relief of the oppressed and helpless Jews in Russia.

At the Annual Communication at Philadelphia on December 27, 1905, the Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized and the application of Porto Rico was refused.

From the address of the Grand Master we make the following extracts:

With no inducements to offer and no solicitations to any, our Craft grows with great rapidity; our lodges increase in membership from the wisest, most prominent and best men of our Commonwealth. They grow in material prosperity and are yearly dispensing more charity and help to the desolate orphans and widows and our unfortunate brethren.

There is now, I believe, absolute uniformity in the authorized work throughout the jurisdiction, and the ancient tenets and landmarks were never more strictly adhered to than at this present time. Much praise and thanks are due to the

District Deputy Grand Masters for their efficient efforts to promote this uniformity and maintain our ancient standards, and I sincerely thank them one and all. * * *

Newspaper accounts of meetings of Masonic lodges, elections and proceedings, are not only not permitted, but are prohibited. * * *

Declined to approve of a petition for a Warrant of a lodge in which the English language would not be spoken. * * *

It has been long established, in this jurisdiction, that a citizen thereof may petition any lodge he sees fit, but if he does petition a lodge other than the one nearest his place of residence, inquiry must be made of the lodge nearest his place of residence and a favorable reply received to said inquiry before action can be taken.

They have 12 lodges without names, five of them being in Philadelphia.

Bro. James M. Lamberton again reports on Correspondence, and in his review of our Proceedings he has the following:

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Bro. J. Ross Robertson delivered a historical address of more than usual interest, treating of the origin of Masonry, its development in England, and then in the colonies. We have time only to notice one slip, namely, that Henry Price was appointed Grand Master of North America by "the original Grand Lodge of England," Bro. Robertson saying:

"The Craft work of America was introduced into Massachusetts in 1733, when Henry Price was appointed Grand Master of North America by the original Grand Lodge of England. It had, however, been in operation in Pennsylvania slightly earlier, but from what source such knowledge was obtained has so far eluded discovery."

We may best quote here what Bro. Robert Freke Gould, the foremost Masonic historical scholar, says, after a careful discussion of the subject, at page 248 of Vol. iv. of his "History of Freemasonry" (edition copyrighted in 1889 by John C. Yorston & Company):

"I am inclined to regard the claim advanced by Price to have had his authority extended over all America by Lord Crawford in 1734, as an hallucination arising out of circumstances which are only dimly shadowed in Franklin's letter of that year."

Lodges, 456; members, 75,277; increase, 4,028.

George W. Kendrick, Jr. (Philadelphia), G. M.

William A. Sinn (Philadelphia), G. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

30th Communication, Souris, June 26, 1905.

Benjamin Rogers, G. M.

Owing to family bereavement and sickness the Grand

Master was compelled to spend the winter in California and to leave the visitation of the lodges to the Deputy Grand Master:

The Deputy Grand Master has issued commissions to members of this Grand Lodge to visit and inspect those lodges he was unable to visit himself, and he will report to you, also the brethren commissioned to visit the lodges. I am pleased to say our Masonic lodges are in good condition, and the Masonic life in the jurisdiction is well kept up, and the Grand Order of Masonry is, as it has been for centuries past, pre-eminent for all that is good, Charity, Love and Truth. And as I reported a year ago, peace and prosperity reigns. In our island homes and in our beloved Dominion, the past winter has been a cold stormy one. Our farmers and merchants have come through it well, and we are in as prosperous condition as any Province in the Dominion of Canada.

The proceedings were brief and entirely local in interest.

Lodges, 14; members, 608; increase, 4.

Charles H. Sterns (Souris), G. M.

Neil McKelvie (Summerside), G. S.

QUEBEC.

36th Communication, Montreal, January 31, 1906.

David A. Manson, G. M.

The Grand Master made a number of official visits and reports two new lodges.

The following was adopted:

Whereas since the correspondence was held between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Quebec regarding recognition by the former, the Grand Lodge of England has made changes in its constitution which render it desirable that formal recognition should now take place in order that the interests of Masonry should thereby be greatly promoted.

Be it resolved, That the Grand Master be and is hereby authorized to enter into fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England with the view of completing said negotiations and our application of recognition and by arranging for an exchange of representatives and the issuing of a commission to some well skilled brother to represent this Grand Body near the said Grand Lodge of England.

The time of meeting was changed to the second Wednesday in February.

Bro. E. T. D. Chambers presented his 17th annual report on Correspondence. On the Congress organized by the Grand Lodge of Switzerland he has the following remarks:

We freely admit that a perusal of the proceedings tends to the conviction that the Grand Lodge Alpina was and is perfectly sincere in its desire to do good and fervently believes that it is working in the interests of genuine Freemasonry. We also believe that it is deceiving itself. There is no need at all for the "unification" of Freemasonry as it understands it. It has grouped together some twenty Grand Orients and Grand Lodges, mostly European, none of them English-speaking we are glad to say, and including among their number the Grand Orient of France. This, in itself, is of necessity sufficient to ensure the failure of its efforts to establish a bond of union between the company in which it has cast its lot and the British and American Grand Lodges. It frankly admits "that the Grand Orient of France was wrong in renouncing the formula respecting the Great Architect of the Universe," but fails apparently to see that that organization, by such action placed itself entirely outside the pale of legitimate Masonry, and enters upon an extensive attempt to excuse it and to justify itself in continuing to recognize it.

Canada for 1905 has his hearty approval, in which he says:

Did space permit we would gladly transfer to these pages that portion of M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson's historical address dealing with the origin of Speculative Masonry. The gist of it is, and there is no higher authority on the matter, and no more keen investigator than Bro. Robertson, that while the Operative lodges which existed "from time immemorial" were the precursors of the Speculative lodges which existed prior to 1717, we cannot go farther back than about 1600 to find the names of speculative members in the records of the operative lodges. Gradually, in the course of time, the power of the Operative organizations in London and elsewhere gradually waned, and the Speculative element became more general, till during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, Speculative lodges, so to speak, had the call, and the Operative control of the Craft passed away. Passing from the introduction of Masonry into America in 1733, and into Canada in Nova Scotia, between 1737 and 1740, Bro. Robertson briefly traced the well-known history of early Freemasonry in the city and province of Quebec.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is again from the pen of that foremost Masonic jurist, M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, P. G. M. So experienced is he in the art of condensation that his 88 pages contain more real substance for the Masonic student than some reports that are three times as long.

Lodges, 58; members, 5,000; increase, 288.

David A. Manson (Mansonville), G. M.

Will H. Whyte (Montreal), G. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

115th Communication, Providence, May 15, 1905.

The Grand Lodge met under peculiar and sorrowful conditions. Their Grand Master, James E. Tillinghast, died in the previous January. He was born in 1850 and joined the Craft in 1886. He was very highly esteemed by his brethren.

We quote the remarks of the Deputy Grand Master on dispensations and the condition of the Craft:

I have refused all requests for dispensations other than to attend church or for some similar purpose. I do not believe in setting aside the organic law of the whole raft in order to accommodate some individual brother in what is usually a comparatively trivial matter. Every request of this kind that is granted is urged as a reason for granting another. Fancied emergencies that loom large to the perplexed Master shrink to their normal size after his request for a dispensation to meet them in an unconstitutional way is refused, and in most cases he realizes that the refusal had better justification than his request. * * *

The general condition of the Fraternity throughout this jurisdiction is good, as far as I am able to judge from my own observations and the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters. The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary will give the condition of affairs in detail. I may, however, say that we have gained 195 members during the year, and that the Grand Lodge, for the first time since 1902, is out of debt. We have greatly prospered, as has the Craft throughout the country.

Some wise men say the Fraternity is growing too rapidly. Let us be as willing to apply the brake as to turn on the current, bearing in mind that what is enduring is of slow growth in the affairs of men as in the world of nature.

Lodges, 37; members, 6,429; increase, 195.

Joseph W. Freeman (Central Falls), G. M.

S. Penrose Williams (Providence), G. S.

SCOTLAND.

Quarterly meeting, May 4, 1905.

Charters were granted to six new lodges, including two in Natal, one in Cape Town, and one in Cape Colony.

Bro. J. D. G. Dalrymple was appointed representative of the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes of Prussia. There's a name as is a name.

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh was appointed Proxy District Grand Master of Jamaica. How he can perform his double duties in places so far apart is a mystery.

A brother in Bombay and one in Cape Town were made Honorary Grand Junior Wardens.

Grand Committee, May 18, 1905.

The pictures in the Board Room and the East Lodge Room were reported as insured for £3,000.

Quarterly meeting, August 3, 1905.

The resolutions of the conference with England and Ireland were adopted. We have already noticed these resolutions in our review of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Grand Committee, October 19, 1905.

The committee resumed consideration of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and having considered the terms of letters from the Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge, dated 17th November and 22nd December, 1904, and the proposals therein made, was of opinion that the letter of 2nd March, 1899, from the then Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge being a unilateral document, and a different import being placed upon it by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand from what it was intended to convey by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Grand Lodge should recall that letter. The conditions proposed in the letters from the Grand Secretary of New Zealand to be agreed to by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to be incorporated in the Articles of Recognition, were inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of Grand Lodge. Grand Secretary brought under the notice of the committee the fact that he had recently been informed that the Grand Lodge of New Zealand had recognized the proposed Grand Lodge of Queensland, which had been chiefly formed by certain members of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, several of whom were under suspension by these Grand Lodges for certain Masonic offences, and one of them had been not only suspended but expelled from Freemasonry by the Grand Lodge of Scotland for certain serious Masonic offences. Grand Secretary farther stated that he had been informed that these suspensions and expulsion had been intimated to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand prior to that Grand Lodge's recognition of the Queensland body. In disregarding these sentences of suspension and expulsion the Grand Lodge of New Zealand virtually refuses to accord to these two Grand Lodges sovereign authority over their own members, the recognition which it seeks the Grand Lodge of Scotland to accord to it as a sovereign Masonic power. The committee reserved consideration of that unfriendly act on the part of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and in reference to the recognition of that Grand Lodge approved of a letter which Grand Secretary suggested should be sent, stating the terms upon which recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand would be granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Master and officers of a lodge in New Zealand were all suspended for joining the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

Annual Communication, Edinburgh, Nov. 30, 1905.

Bro. the Hon. Charles M. Ramsay, G. M.

At this meeting the officers were installed and the festival of St. Andrew celebrated.

Honorary rank of Junior Grand Warden was conferred upon a number of brethren, including some of the "faithful" in New Zealand and Queensland.

From the remarks of the Grand Master at the banquet we learn that the new members for the year were 8,797, as against 10,438 for the previous year. The income was £9,750. Expenditure from Benevolent Fund, £996, and from Annuity Fund, £2,317. New lodges, 15.

Grand Committee, December 21, 1905.

Non-intercourse was declared with the Grand Lodge of New South Wales because of its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland. Wouldn't that make you tired. It is some satisfaction, however, to know that some day or other they will have to rescind that action. The logic of events is inexorable, and the march of progress can no longer be stayed by any such futile measures.

Grand Committee, January 18, 1906.

Western Australia.—A petition was presented from seven brethren craving for authority to re-open Lodge Bonnie Doon, Perth, Western Australia, No. 839, and representing that the Charter of the lodge was not in possession of any of the members, and could not presently be found. In these circumstances they craved Grand Lodge to grant a dispensation authorizing the lodge to be opened and then conducted, in the absence of the Charter, until the same be found or replaced. The committee unanimously recommended that the prayer of the petition be granted.

This is one of the lodges belonging to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, with a membership of 29. In place of exercising brotherly kindness and forbearance, the Grand Lodge of Scotland seems determined to stir up strife and create bitterness. There will be two lodges of the same name in the same town and discord is certain to follow. If the Grand Lodge of Scotland could not have seen its way clear to let the lodge go and to bid them God-speed in their desire for liberty and self-government, surely a policy of (at least) non-interference would have been more desirable.

Hon. Charles M. Ramsay, G. M.

David Reid (Edinburgh), G. S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Annual Communication, Adelaide, April, 19, 1905.

Sir S. J. Way, G. M.

In acknowledging the compliment paid to him by his re-election, the Grand Master referred to the fact that the Grand Lodge had completed its twenty-first year, that the objects of its formation had been fulfilled, and that its good exemple had been followed by the other Australian colonies.

We quote the following from the report of the Grand Inspector:

I have the honor to report that my Deputy and myself have visited as many of the lodges as possible during the past year, and I have much pleasure in stating that the work of the several degrees is carried out in a manner which reflects credit on the Master and officers of the several lodges. Especially is this so in the country, where we have found the brethren very enthusiastic and anxious to perfect themselves in the work.

I am sorry to have to report that the Lodge of Instruction is not taken advantage of nearly so much as it should be ; several times last season there were not enough brethren to open, and the meeting had to be abandoned ; indeed, if it is not better attended this year than it was last I shall seriously consider whether it is worth while holding at all.

The Board declined to recommend the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland. They give no reasons.

Lodges, 44; members, 2,833; increase, 73.

Sir S. J. Way (Adelaide), G. M.

J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

128th Communication, Charleston, Dec. 13, 1904.

John R. Bellinger, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master is commended as a masterful production of Masonic doctrine and principles.

Nothing of importance appears in the proceedings. The Grand Secretary presented an extensive and elaborate report on Correspondence, in which Canada for 1903 is favorably mentioned.

129th Communication, Charleston, December 12 1905.

John R. Billinger, G. M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master stated that as representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada he had received a

very pretty bronze medal as a souvenir of the Centennial celebration recently held in Toronto.

On the state of the Craft Bro. Bellinger says:

During all my thirty years' experience as a Mason I have never known Masonry to be in a more prosperous condition, or working upon a higher plane. From every quarter of the State the same report comes to me. The old lodges are growing in membership and in financial strength, and new ones are being formed. Better still, the new members are composed of the finest and most intellectual members of their several communities—men who are honored and respected by their fellows, and, therefore, men who must be of benefit to Masonry, and to whom Masonry must do good.

Three new lodges were opened.

There is no report on Correspondence owing to the illness of the Grand Secretary. (Bro. Charles Inglesby died in the following March.)

Lodges, 226; members, 8,688; increase, 751.

Frank E. Harrison (Abbeville), G. M.

Jacob T. Barron (Columbia), G. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

31st Communication, Aberdeen, June 13, 1905.

Ivan W. Goodner, G. M.

This year has been one of peace and prosperity. One new lodge was formed. The Grand Master refused a dispensation to open a lodge at a joint picnic in a park. We quote the following:

On February 2, 1905, I was requested by the Grand Master of Masons in the Province of Ontario, Canada, to authorize and request Huron Lodge, No. 26, to confer the third degree on Bro. Alex. Kyle, a Fellowcraft member of Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Canada. This was done, and on the 6th day of April, 1905, the brother was duly raised by Huron Lodge.

A resolution to exempt from Grand Lodge dues those members who had paid dues to their lodges for 21 years consecutively, was lost.

Bro. S. A. Brown has a very good report on Correspondence, reviewing Canada for 1904.

Lodges, 103; members, 5,957; increase, 242.

Edgar D. Brookman (Vermillion), G. M.

George A. Pettigrew (Sioux Falls), G. S.

TASMANIA.

15th Communication, Hobart, February 23, 1906.

Hon. C. E. Davies, G. M.

He is also styled a Past Grand Warden of England. As a Grand Master, he is the peer of every other Grand Master, and it appears to us to be in questionable taste to append the inferior title. It is also lowering the dignity of the Grand Body over which he presides.

One of the Grand Inspectors says:

Besides exercising a close supervision over the working of the lodges, I have humbly but earnestly endeavored to impress upon the minds of all a deeper lesson, which it may not be out of place here to briefly summarise: "When you leave the room this evening, do not fold up your Freemasonry and put it away with your evening clothes. Our principles are intended for daily use in our secular lives, and it is our duty to ourselves, to each other, and to the rest of mankind so to apply them. The Craft has highly honored each of us by admitting us to membership. Let us honor it and show our respect for and appreciation of its beautiful teachings by earnestly endeavoring to be faithful exponents of them in our daily lives."

The following was adopted:

That Grand Lodge approves of the adoption of a system of voting by post at the annual election of Grand Lodge officers in all instances in which a ballot is required, and that it be an instruction to the Board of General Purposes to arrange details, so that the system may come into operation at the next annual communication.

The address of the Grand Master was delivered after the installation of officers. We quote as follows:

The reports that you have heard this evening from the Presidents of the Boards must prove very encouraging and satisfactory to us all. We have to thank the presidents and members of both boards who have so admirably carried out the business entrusted to their care; and their efforts have been most ably seconded by our worthy and indefatigable Grand Secretary, of whom personally I cannot speak in too eulogistic terms. The progress of our Grand Lodge is emphasized by the very satisfactory financial and numerical position which has been so fully referred to in the reports that have been submitted. * * *

The only contention that exists between members is one which we should congratulate each other upon, and that is, a generous emulation to try to excel in the conduct of the ceremonial and the upholding of the influence and prestige of their respective lodges. The greatest cordiality prevails, and the visitations that periodically take place amongst the brethren tend very materially to cement that feeling.

Lodges, 26; membership not given.
Hon. C. E. Davies, M. L. C., G. M.
John Hamilton (Hobart), G. S.

TENNESSEE.

Anterior to the time of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was known and recognized as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee. North Carolina held its charter from Scotland, and Tennessee was a part of North Carolina, and upon petition from the Tennessee lodges, whose representative sat in this Joint Grand Lodge, Tennessee was granted power and authority to establish a separate jurisdiction, and on December 27, 1813, the Tennessee lodges met at Knoxville and organized the Grand Lodge of Tennessee by virtue of a relinquishment on the part of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina of all power and authority previously exercised over the lodges in the State. And the Grand Lodge of Tennessee adopted a Constitution and By-laws for herself. And so we hold the unique position of being the only independent Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the United States, and recognized by all the States.

What Tennessee Masons knowing these historic facts does not feel himself grow taller, while his bosom thrills with the pulsations of independence !

92nd Communication, Nashville, January 31, 1906.
James W. Irwin, G. M.

The full details given in the address disclose a very busy year. Bro. Irwin travelled over 5,000 miles, visiting 80 lodges in 35 counties. In ruling that he had no authority to substitute another day for St. John's Day, June 24th, he adds, "Have picnic and speaking if you desire. Have no procession, wear no regalia; but you can take collection for Widows' and Orphans' Home."

He makes the claim that theirs is the only Independent Grand Lodge in the United States:

The entertainment given at the Bijou theater by the children of the Home was a great success.

The Home has 133 inmates, and the cost of maintenance per capita for the year was \$94.60. An altar collection was taken up for the Endowment Fund and realized \$160.84.

A resolution was proposed declaring that an edict was unconstitutional which provided that the Committee on Jurisprudence should consist of the Past Grand Masters.

This was referred to the same committee and their deliverance thereon was adopted as follows:

The resolution offered by Bros. Pace and Allen, denouncing Edict No. 41 as "unconstitutional, null and void," though not based upon entirely sound foundations, yet presents an abstract question of much interest, which is not free from difficulty, and would properly engage the controversial talents of a debating society with abundant leisure for lengthened discussion; but your committee cannot recommend the Grand Lodge to pronounce upon its own offspring such a severe and blasting sentence of annihilation until some member materially interested shall demand it.

The edict is supposed to deprive the Grand Master of a constitutional right or privilege. But he is not complaining. On the contrary, a succession of Grand Masters, continuing for more than a quarter century, have pursued without complaint or grumbling the recommendation of the Grand Lodge with reference to the membership of the Committee on Jurisprudence; and so long as the Grand Master cheerfully abides by the edict, which affects only his rights and privileges, your committee sees no ground for complaint by any other living person.

We therefore recommend that the resolution do not pass.

Numerous extracts are given from our Proceedings of 1905 by the Chairman of Correspondence, Bro. Henry A. Chambers.

Lodges, 431; members, 20,120; increase, 700.

Robert Burrow (Bristol), G. M.

John B. Garrett (Nashville), G. S.

TEXAS.

70th Communication, Waco, December 5, 1905.

A. W. Campbell, G. M.

On the state of the Craft he says:

This year has been singularly fortunate and prosperous for this mighty commonwealth, and, while we have been grieved to note that our Sister States have suffered greatly through disease and the action of the elements, this great State has, most fortunately, through the mercy of God, escaped.

Masonry in Texas has never enjoyed an era of greater material prosperity, more activity in the charity of its lodges and members, and happier growth in Masonic work, than that which has marked the year just drawing to a close. And especially, I am proud to note, from my personal knowledge, as well as the observation of others, that the subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are requiring a higher moral character and a loftier manhood of those who are desirous of participating in the mysteries of our ancient Order.

There are 158 children and 12 aged widows in the

Widows' and Orphans' Home. A Boy Annex is nearly completed and there is a separate building for the widows. The current expenses for the year amounted to \$26,000.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That any brother holding a certificate from the Committee on Work, or any member of said committee, who shall in writing or otherwise solicit or request lodges or Masons to employ or accept his service to teach or exemplify the work, shall thereby forfeit his certificate or right to teach, and the Grand Master, upon evidence satisfactory to him that this resolution has been violated, shall revoke the authority of such brother to teach.

Texas is a large State and has all sorts of climates at the same time. The brethren may evidently choose their own particular brand and have the tap turned on at the correct temperature:

The Grand Secretary called for Bro. C. H. Thorn, of Rio Grande Lodge, No. 81, at Brownsville, in the extreme southern portion of the jurisdiction, and for Bro. O. J. Ingham, of Stratford Lodge, No. 874, at Stratford, in the extreme northern part of the jurisdiction, and asked Bro. Thorn to state the condition of the weather when he left Brownsville on Saturday, the second day of the month, and he stated that it was spring-like weather and the grass was fresh and green, and all kinds of flowers were blooming, and that he passed fields of corn that were in roasting ear. Bro. Ingham stated that when he left Stratford on Saturday there was an inch and a half of snow, and the ground was frozen four inches deep. These two brothers, in order to reach Waco, jointly traveled over nine hundred miles.

In his twentieth report Bro. Thomas M. Matthews has the following in his review of our Proceedings for 1905:

A most interesting and instructive address is given in the proceedings, furnished by Past Grand Master Bro. Ross Robertson, upon the "History of Freemasonry and of the Rise and Progress of this Grand Lodge for the Past Fifty Years," tracing the former, very briefly of course, from the time of the "Roman Colleges of Building," in 714 B. C., to the present time. We wish that every Mason who cares to know the truth of the origin of Masonry, of the office of Grand Master, and the earliest formation of Grand Lodges, could read this most excellent paper. To do so would open wide the eyes of some who believe themselves already savants.

Lodges, 723; members, 38,270; increase, 1,617.

S. M. Bradley (Denton), G. M.

John Watson (Waco), G. S.

UTAH.

35th Communication, Salt Lake City, Jan. 16, 1906.
Charles S. Varian, G. M.

The Grand Master visited all the lodges and says:

Throughout the jurisdiction the evidences of peace and prosperity inspire us with confidence and hope. In all the lodges I am pleased to observe the officers and members striving with generous emulation to give shape and substance to lofty Masonic ideals. The events of the past year have been of more than ordinary interest to us Masons. The work upon the Temples in our two principal cities, in realization of hopes long deferred, gives emphasis and identification to our older traditions and serves to strengthen us in our fealty and our faith. At Ogden, Weber Lodge, No. 6, has completed a magnificent temple, which will be occupied by all of the Masonic bodies in that jurisdiction. In this city Utica Consistory of the Scottish Rite has begun the construction of a larger temple, and the building will be completed during the present year.

An unusual occurrence is thus described:

In November last the Grand Secretary received a communication from the Secretary of the National Council of a labor organization, enclosing printed forms of petition and resolution, demanding the enactment of laws restricting immigration to this country. The communication requested the names of the "subordinate secretaries, so as to enable us to mail the enclosed petition and resolution to as many organized bodies of men as possible, so that they may act on it, either as an organization or as individuals." The resolution was in form for adoption by the constituent lodges, and the petition contemplated individual action, the alternative suggested. The action taken, whether by "organized bodies" or "individuals," was to be communicated to the Senators and Representatives in Congress, from this State, soliciting their aid in restricting immigration and thereby giving protection to our own "ignorant and unskilled" against competitive alien labor. In view of the announced purpose to present the matter to the constituent lodges, and thinking it probable that means of so doing would be found independent of the Grand Secretary, I deemed it advisable to formally indicate my official prohibition against any action in the premises by the Craft as organized bodies or Masons, or otherwise as individual citizens, and therefore on December 13th issued an edict directing the same to be communicated to the Master of each lodge in due form, which was done. As far as I am advised, no attempt to intrude political and governmental questions into the body of the Craft throughout this jurisdiction had ever been made before, and consequently this strange, not to say impertinent intrusion, in my judgment, demanded prompt and emphatic action for the better protection and security of our institution.

The Grand Lodge headquarters, the Grand Secretary's office and the library are now located in the new Masonic Temple in Salt Lake City, the second Masonic structure erected in the State of Utah. The Temple at Ogden was erected a few months previously.

In his review of Canada for 1905 the Grand Secretary says:

The historical address was delivered by our dear old friend and brother Past Grand Master J. Ross Robertson, who, as a Masonic student and writer, stands in the front rank, and as he knows the difference between fables and historical facts, his dictum can be relied upon. We would advise our brethren to call at the library and read the address. It covers only twenty-four pages, but it is all there and fills the bill exactly.

Lodges, 11; members, 1,270; increase, 57.

Sidney W. Badcon (Ogden), G. M.

Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G. S.

VERMONT.

112th Communication, Burlington, June 14, 1905.

Olin W. Daley, G. M.

The address contains a record of zealous and devoted service, reflecting honor on the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. We quote:

From the reports of the District Deputies and the annual returns of the lodges to the Grand Secretary, I find that the condition of the Craft in this State is very satisfactory. While some of the lodges have not had as much work as usual, others have had an increased amount of work, which makes the general average a source of congratulation. All minor differences which occasionally arise in some of the lodges have, so far as I am able to determine, been amicably settled. The net increase in membership during the year just closed has been 232, making our membership at the present time 11,535.

This year, the same as last, several of the lodges have either purchased the buildings in which their lodge rooms are located, or have leased desirable new quarters in new blocks. Several of the lodges have also repaired and refurnished their lodge rooms.

Thinking that some knowledge of the material condition of the various lodges would be desirable and of advantage to the Grand Lodge, I directed the Grand Secretary to issue a circular letter of inquiry to the various lodges. To these inquiries of the Grand Master all the lodges cheerfully made reply. One or two of the principal topics included in this letter have been considered in another part of this address, but the following facts may be of interest:

The number of lodges owning their buildings or lodge room is 34. The value of these properties is \$90,800. One lodge holds a lease having 500 years to run. The number of these properties taxed is 20. The value of other property owned by lodges is \$65,405, making the total owned by lodges \$156,205. On these properties there is insurance to the amount of \$110,975. Of the various lodge rooms 33 are occupied by other than Masonic bodies, including 25 occupied by the Order of the Eastern Star. Only 19 lodges have vaults or safes for the proper protection of their records. * * *

It has also been my pleasure to make a large number of visits to the subordinate lodges during the year. I have made no attempt on any of these occasions to deliver formal addresses, but I have endeavored to talk earnestly for the cultivation of higher Masonic aims and ambitions, and tried to impress upon the brethren that if we would be Masons in thought, word and action, as well as in name, we must look deeper than the ritual and study the true meaning of the beautiful symbols and ceremonials of our Fraternity.

Their "Digest of Decisions" covered all the points upon which the Grand Master was asked to rule. There were no appeals or grievances.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed to expend for the improvement and extension of the Grand Lodge Library a sum equal to twenty cents on every ritual and hand book sold, and to be derived from such sale only. Any resolution now in force making appropriation for the Grand Lodge Library is now repealed.

Whereas, The Masonic Temple was built for the two-fold purpose of providing funds to enable the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Vermont to build a Masonic Home, and also for other charitable uses; and

Whereas, The debt upon this temple has been so reduced that it seems best for the Grand Lodge to take the preliminary steps necessary to secure such a home; therefore

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the State of Vermont. That the Trustees of the Grand Lodge and all the Past Grand Masters residing in Vermont, be and the same are hereby appointed a committee to consider this subject—as to the place where a Masonic Home shall be established, the plan and cost of the same, how much of the Grand Lodge funds shall be applied annually to reduce its debt, how much shall be used towards the cost of such a home, and how much for other charitable uses; also to consider any other phase of this subject germane to it.

The report on Correspondence is again by Bro. Marsh O. Perkins. On the recognition of Queensland he says:

We believe consideration of all such requests should be made regardless of the attitude of England, Scotland, or any other mother Grand Lodge. As we understand it, the Grand

Lodge of Queensland was not only regularly organized, but has been recognized and vouched for by her nearest neighbor, New South Wales, the oldest of the Australasian Grand Lodges, and presumably by others of the same group ere this. Fraternal courtesy is as much due to the youngest member of a great sisterhood as to the oldest, and more so in our judgment when the latter relentlessly places obstacles in the way of the former in its struggle for well deserved independence.

We also take the following from his notice of Canada for 1904:

At the present time Grand Lodge has 381 active lodges on its roll, a net gain of six since the last report. For purposes of visitation and inspection these 381 lodges are divided into 21 districts. All but five of the lodges had been inspected during the year, and the reports of the District Deputies are as usual exhaustive and replete with interest. They show the numerical increase of the past year to have been well nigh phenomenal, the net gain in membership being 2,360, a number exceeding by 300 and more the record of any previous year, and making an aggregate membership of 32,708. The reports agree upon a general accuracy and uniformity of work throughout the entire jurisdiction, good business management, and cases of discipline extremely rare—only four suspensions reported in all. * * *

In view of the approaching semi-centennial of Grand Lodge and with "the object of gladdening the hearts of our beneficiaries, and properly celebrating the occasion," the Board of Benevolence was empowered to increase the sums granted to the general recipients for the year 1905 by one-half—a glorious feature of the coming observance; a committee was appointed to procure a suitable testimonial for the retiring Grand Master; and Past Grand Master Hugh Murray was appointed "to instruct the newly installed District Deputies in the secret work, and in the duties of their office generally"—in this lies the secret in part of the unquestioned success of the District Deputy system in this jurisdiction.

Lodges, 103; members, 11,535; increase, 232.

Walter E. Ranger (Burlington), G. M.

Henry H. Ross (Burlington), G. S.

WASHINGTON.

48th Communication, Bellingham, June 13, 1905.

Edwin Hugh Van Patten, G. M.

He reports eight new lodges.

M. W. P. G. M. Wm. H. Upton introduced R. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, Grand Historian and Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Jurisdiction of British Columbia with a fitting tribute to his worth and ability as a Masonic writer, to which the R. W. brother ably responded and expressed his pleasure at being present.

The Grand Lecturer visited and instructed 70 lodges and found a majority of them doing good work. The following was adopted:

We approve of the recommendation of the Grand Lecturer with reference to the issuance of certificates of proficiency in the Standard Work of Washington, and recommend that the Grand Lodge, under the direction of the Grand Secretary, prepare certificates of proficiency, to be issued to such brethren as may pass a satisfactory examination, under regulations to be prescribed by the Board of Custodians. Said certificate shall be issued for a period of time not to exceed three years. Said certificate shall be signed by the Grand Lecturer and attested by the Grand Secretary, who shall keep the record of all such certificates issued.

The venerable Grand Secretary, the dean of the corps, was absent through illness, his first absence in 41 years and his second absence since the Grand Lodge was organized. The Grand Lodge telegraphed their sympathy and prayers for his recovery.

Lodges, 138; members, 8,997; increase, 1,036.

Abraham Lincoln Miller (Vancouver), G. M.

Thomas Milburne Reed (Olympia), G. S.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Quarterly meeting, Perth, July 22, 1904.

Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley, G. M.

Among his numerous visits he mentions one to the lodge at Albany, the only one in the State remaining under the English Constitution. He believes it will not remain long outside.

Bunbury Lodge, No. 882, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, has transferred its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

A new lodge was authorized to be opened at Perth, to be called the Commercial Travellers' Lodge.

Representatives were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

We take the following from the report of the Board:

For some years past it has been the practice of Grand Officers, present and past, to wear regalia the property of Grand Lodge at Masonic balls. As this regalia cost nearly £400, the Board considers the wear and tear which is occasioned by these functions to be quite unwarranted. They have, therefore, directed that in the future the practice be discontinued. Of course, Grand Officers who have their own regalia may do as they please.

During recent years it has become the practice for many lodges meeting in Freemasons' Hall to hold ladies' evenings, and the privilege of permitting the ladies to inspect the large lodge room has been extended to all lodges irrespective of constitution. From complaints made to the Board, there is little doubt that the privilege has been abused in some cases. The Board has therefore resolved that no further permission will be granted.

It has been brought under the notice of the Board that a considerable number of brethren who are not affiliated to any lodge frequently visit our lodges meeting in Freemasons' Hall, especially on installation occasions. The non-affiliate question is a burning one in all jurisdictions, and is now making itself felt in Western Australia. The Board has caused a copy of Rule 130, Book of Constitutions, to be hung in a prominent place. The rule reads: "No brother who has ceased to be a subscribing member of a lodge shall be permitted to visit any one lodge more than once until he again becomes a subscribing member of some lodge." The attention of lodges outside Perth is also directed to this rule.

Quarterly meeting, Kalgoorlie, October 28, 1904.

The Grand Master says:

We cannot help comparing the present with the past. It is now many years since I first took part in Masonic ceremonies on these fields. I can remember being in Southern Cross, Coolgardie, Morseman, Esperance, Kalgoorlie and Boulder in what we call the early days. I remember when we had the greatest difficulty in securing the presence of two other Past Masters to help me to consecrate a lodge, and I recollect too how we all three belonged to different Constitutions, and how each one of us wanted to perform the ceremony in our own different ways. No one then could have imagined that in such a few years there could have been so many lodges or that we should meet in such a grand lodge room.

I hope we shall not in these latter days of comparative luxury and ease forget those who in the face of many difficulties started and carried on the work of the Craft and built our Order on a sure foundation. Fine men many of them were—hardy and strong—good though sometimes rough companions, yet not to be beaten the wide world over for real brotherly love; urging on to brotherly deeds when any one became a poor and distressed brother. Such men are the glory of our race. They open up new country, do the rough work and make what was a desert a place for delicate women and joyous happy children to live in. Alas! they seldom seem to reap very much reward for their labors; others generally do that. Still, they are the men who make empires. To-day, in our comparatively luxurious ease and enjoyment of the good things of this life at our festal board, let us not forget them.

Representatives were exchanged with Nebraska, West Virginia and Indiana.

Quarterly meeting, Perth, January 27, 1905.

Recognition was received from Connecticut, Costa Rica, Michigan, Louisiana and Ohio.

Two new lodges were opened.

Queensland was recognized by a unanimous vote.

Quarterly meeting, Perth, April 28, 1905.

Scotland still refuses to be friendly, but the logic of events will ultimately establish the right of Masonic self-government. On this subject the Grand Master says:

It would be with extreme disappointment and lasting regret that you listened to the letter from the District Grand Lodge of Scotland which only reached me to-night. Our local Scottish brethren and ourselves agreed to certain proposals for the future harmonious working of Masonry in this State. Scotland will have nothing to say to the expressed wishes of her own children. England used to make this mistake with regard to her colonies, with the most disastrous results. England has, however, learned better. Surely we know what we want, and what would be the best thing to do, far better than they can at home, ten thousand miles away. I am convinced that the majority of our Scotch brethren will be as much disappointed as we are, and more angry, for it is their own people who have done them this dishonor. We can do no more. We have done our best to show that we wished to be friendly. We can but go on our own way still holding out the right hand of fellowship, ready for a hearty grasp whenever our brothers desire to take it. I do not despair that even yet a way out of our present difficulties will be found. All the world is on our side, excepting only Scotland. We can afford to be calm and wait, for such isolation cannot last long.

Not a single lodge in the entire jurisdiction was returned in arrears.

This Grand Lodge was formed in 1900 with 33 lodges. At the end of 1904 there were 74 lodges with a financial membership of 3,550, an increase for the year of 212.

Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley (Perth), G. M.

J. D. Stevenson (Perth), G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

41st Communication, Charleston, November 15, 1905.

Luther H. Clarke, G. M.

In his opening he says:

Within the Masonic world of West Virginia, the most satisfactory state of affairs has existed since the beginning of my term. Masonry is in the most prosperous condition: many new lodges have been added to our roll of lodges; many new members admitted to our mystic circle, and as is apparent,

from the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, our Order is progressing surely and steadily, and with a healthy growth throughout our Grand Jurisdiction

Four new lodges were formed.

The Grand Master conferred the three degrees at sight, having opened an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge for that purpose. No special reason is given for this extraordinary performance, nor why the candidate should not have entered the Craft in the usual way. Nor does it appear why the Grand Lodge was opened. The act could have been done equally as well in the Grand Master's parlor.

The Grand Lecturer and his deputies are commended for their vigor and zeal in disseminating and overseeing the work.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of District Deputy Grand Masters, at their annual visitations to subordinate lodges, to diligently inquire and ascertain the ability of the officers and members of the several lodges to confer the work of the several degrees, and report the result of such investigation forthwith to the Grand Master, who shall at once notify the Worshipful Master of any lodge that is found to be deficient in this particular to secure the services of the Grand Lecturer or one of his deputies to teach the correct work as adopted and taught in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Bro. George W. Atkinson, Grand Secretary for twenty years, having been appointed to a position in the Federal Judiciary at Washington, resigned his position. His brethren regret his departure, but rejoice at his success. The growth and prosperity of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia is very largely the result of his incessant and intelligent labor and fostering care. His absence will also be felt by the reporters, to whom his reviews were always acceptable.

Lodges, 132; members, 10,121; increase, 690.

G. W. McClintic (Charleston), G. M.

H. R. Howard (Point Pleasant), G. S.

WISCONSIN.

61st Communication, Milwaukee, June 13, 1905.

David H. Wright, G. M.

He performed the impossible feat of opening the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in the State of Maine. It was done in order to conduct the Masonic funeral of a

very highly esteemed Past Grand Master, Oliver Libbey. On this subject the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted as follows:

We commend the fraternal spirit that prompted the Grand Master to visit the State of Maine and perform the burial services for our lamented brother Libbey, but we do not approve his action in attempting to open the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin outside the jurisdiction thereof. The jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is the State of Wisconsin, and we are of the opinion that it cannot be opened or do any act outside those limits.

On the work of the lodges the Grand Lecturer says:

The Craft generally is prosperous and harmonious, and, judging by the manner in which the work was exemplified during my visit, are imbued with the proper spirit, and practice Freemasonry according to ancient custom and usage. They endeavor, while working, to emphasize the fact that Freemasonry is an institution founded upon the rock of righteousness and inculcates impregnable integrity, and realize that the true teachings of Masonry cannot be brought out and properly impressed upon the mind of a neophyte, except the work be done with sincerity and solemnity. They feel that levity is not consistent with the sublimity of the lessons of life that it is intended to inculcate in the several lectures, and govern themselves accordingly. In a few instances, however, laxness in this respect was discovered, and the brethren admonished to practice Masonry properly.

In his review of Canada for 1904 Bro. Aldro Jenks copies with approval from the report on the Condition of Masonry, and says:

This form of charity is equally as important as that which more largely passes under that denomination. We may not all be able to give of worldly goods to relieve the reserving cases of suffering and destitution, but we can at least visit the sick and afflicted and speak a word of sympathy and good cheer. This is a form of charity that is sometimes the most acceptable.

We may inform Bro. Jenks that our Grand Lodge pays no mileage or per diem to delegates.

Lodges, 254; members, 21,251; increase, 680.

Jesse C. Bradlev (Milwaukee), G. M.

William W. Perry (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

31st Communication, Laramie, September 6, 1905.

Frank A. Luckfield, G. M.

The address of the Grand Master opens as follows:

The Masonic year just past has been an uneventful one for the Craft in Wyoming. Much good has been accomplished, however. We have given the world an example of open-handed, large-hearted generosity for which Masonry has so often stood as a synonym. As example is always better than precept, may we not take great comfort in charity actually accomplished? We have been drawn closer together by our common endeavor. Masonry has prospered as never before in all its history. The outer door has been well guarded, but our membership has grown without sacrificing quality—character.

Grand Masters have to answer all sorts of questions, but this one is decidedly novel:

Question: A brother who was killed had petitioned this lodge for affiliation. The Committee on Character reported favorably at our regular two days after his death. Should we ballot on said petition just the same or not?

Answer: A lodge should not ballot on a petition for initiation of a candidate or affiliation of a brother where death occurs before time of balloting arrives.

The Grand Secretary has good reason to be proud of his long and honorable record. He enjoys the esteem and respect of his brethren in no common degree:

In concluding this, my nineteenth report as your Grand Secretary, it may not be out of place to say that in the roll of Grand Secretaries I now rank as number twelve in length of service. My name as Grand Secretary is attached to every lodge charter in the State except the first six. During my service membership has increased from 493 to 1,809, and I have received in Grand Lodge funds altogether the sum of \$25,600.94, every cent of which has been promptly paid to Grand Treasurer, as printed Proceedings show. If this record I am, as I believe, entitled to here say that I am proud, and yet I am prouder still of the long-continued confidence I have enjoyed at your hands, for which I thank you.

The following report was adopted:

We think with the Grand Master that it is unwise to at present permit life membership within this jurisdiction, and urge this Grand Lodge to disapprove such action on the part of subordinate lodges.

In regard to allowing lodges in this jurisdiction to confer the E. A. degree for lodges outside of our jurisdiction, we urge that same be prohibited in Wyoming, because the matter of identification is usually incomplete and unsatisfactory.

In his review of Colorado Bro. William L. Kuykendall has the following very sensible remarks on the recognition of doubtful grand bodies:

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized and "closer reciprocal relations" entered into therewith. If we

are not mistaken, that Grand Lodge has very recently been in pretty close reciprocal relations with the Grand Orient of France, the Pinney Grand Lodge and colored Grand Lodges of Louisiana and District of Columbia, in having a representative sitting with their representatives in the congress held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge Alpina. In connection with this subject we quote the last paragraph of Grand Master's address, appearing under head of "Recognition of Grand Bodies," as follows :

" It is our privilege, and should be our purpose, to maintain fraternal relations and keep in touch with those who have come into the Light, everywhere, under whatsoever skies they may dwell."

To this we agree, provided they have entered the Light as regular and legitimate bodies and have not lapsed into darkness. Are not political machines, nor dominated by civil or any other authority or power. Have absolute and complete control of their organization and the Craft degrees, and do not in any manner recognize or hold fraternal relations with clandestine Masons or bodies of such. We are of the opinion that about the limit in recognizing Grand Bodies now in existence has been reached here and there, and that some of those recognized never entered the true Light which shines for the Masonry of this country, or entering it have allowed darkness to overtake them somewhere in their journey. Bad or doubtful associates never did any man or organization any good, but eventually result in harm through greater or less contamination. The scramble for the almighty dollar that may be secured through trade relations between countries should have nothing to do with the recognition of Grand Bodies that seemingly do not care whether they fraternize with regular or with clandestine Masonry, as we understand both.

Canada for 1904 has fraternal mention.
Lodges, 23; members, 1809; increase, 160.
M. R. Johnston (Wheatland), G. M.
William L. Kuykendall (Saratoga), G. S.

ARKANSAS.

63rd Communication, Little Rock, Nov. 21, 1905.
Styles T. Rowe, G. M.

The ritual work throughout the jurisdiction is nearly uniform and the Schools of Instruction will insure absolute unanimity in the near future. The District Deputies are highly complimented on their efficiency. Nearly every lodge has had the benefit of their instruction. The Grand Master reports twenty new lodges.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland and the National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

An edict was adopted for the establishment of an Orphans' Home.

A former edict allowing the initiation of maimed persons was repealed.

This Grand Lodge has resumed the holding of annual sessions, and an amendment to again hold biennial sessions was defeated.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Lodges, 498; members, 17,480; increase, 723.

A. B. Grace (Pine Bluff), G. M.

Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G. S.

INDIANA.

89th Communication, May 22, 1906.

Alfred W. Emery, G. M.

General prosperity prevails. The sum of \$5,589.50 was subscribed by lodges and individual Masons and sent for the relief of the suffering by the earthquake in San Francisco.

The Grand Representative of Canada, Bro. Simeon P. Gillett, P. G. M., was unable to be present, but he sent the greetings of Canada and hopes for a continuation of prosperity.

Queensland was recognized and the application of Alberta deferred.

On the "Home" question the following was adopted:

The maintenance of such a home would probably cost from \$200.00 to \$250.00 per inmate per annum, in addition to the initial investment. (Whether or not it is the better part of wisdom to undertake to dispense our Masonic charity in such a way rather than to render such individual assistance as may be needed in the different localities, is a question about which many members of the Grand Lodge have serious doubts.)

In view, however, of the fire which has so greatly damaged the property of the Grand Lodge and which will compel large expenditures in case the building is to be restored or remodeled, and in view of the uncertainty which at this time exists as to the demands which may be made upon the Grand Lodge for the protection and preservation of its property, your committee is of the opinion that it is impracticable and inexpedient to take any steps at this time looking toward the institution of a Masonic Home.

In his review of Canada for 1905 Bro. Daniel McDonald gives numerous extracts, and after quoting our expenditure for benevolence, he says:

How much better this is, it seems to us, than to invest large sums in building Masonic Homes for the few that are eligible to occupy them and receive the benefits that, like the dews of Heaven, should be showered alike upon all the deserving.

A new Constitution was adopted, in which we notice the prayers at the conferring of the several degrees, also the charges to the candidates in each of the degrees. They are considerably changed from those adopted by Preston and Webb, and we do not think any improvement has been made in any of them over the admirably worded charges of these fathers of Masonry, which have stood the test of the brightest critics of the craft for more than a hundred years.

Lodges, 531; members, 45,059; increase, 2,432.

Lincoln V. Cravens (Madison), G. M.

Calvin W. Prather (Indianapolis), G. S.

PROCEEDINGS NOT RECEIVED.

At the date of closing our report the following Proceedings have not been received: Maryland, 1905; New Mexico, 1905; New York, 1906; Virginia, 1906.

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED.

Alabama	1905	Nebraska	1905
Alberta.	1905	Nevada.	1905
Arizona.	1905	New Brunswick. . .	1905
Arkansas	1905	New Hampshire. . .	1905
British Columbia . .	1905	New Jersey	1905
California.	1905	New South Wales . .	1905
Colorado	1905	New Zealand.	1905
Connecticut.	1906	North Carolina . . .	1906
Costa Rica.	1904	North Dakota.	1905
Cuba	1905	Nova Scotia	1905
Delaware	1905	Ohio.	1905
Dict. Columbia. . .	1905	Oklahoma	1906
England	1905	Oregon.	1905
Florida.	1906	Pennsylvania	1905
Georgia.	1905	Pr. Edward Island .	1905
Idaho	1905	Quebec	1906
Illinois.	1905	Rhode Island.	1905
Indiana.	1906	Scotland	1905
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Kansas.	1906	Tasmania	1906
Kentucky	1905	Tennessee.	1906
Louisiana.	1906	Texas	1905
Maine.	1905	Utah.	1906
Manitoba	1905	Vermont	1905
Massachusetts. . . .	1905	Washington.	1905
Michigan	1905	Western Australia. .	1905
Minnesota	1906	West Virginia. . . .	1905
Mississippi	1905-6	Wisconsin.	1905
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All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

Collingwood, June 22, 1906.

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